

JOURNAL OF THE
LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE OF THE
25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

April 13, 2026
10:00 A.M.

PRESIDING: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton, Chairperson
Honorable Nathan Notah, Vice Chairperson

LOCATION: Law and Order Committee Conference Room, Window Rock,
Arizona

1. Call Meeting to Order at: _____, Roll Call, and Invocation

Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton called meeting to order at 10:09 a.m., Roll Call taken by Lori Caldwell, Legislative Assistant/OLS, with Five (5) members present.

Honorable Members Present: *Eugenia Charles Newton (10:00 a.m.), *Herman M. Daniels Jr. (10:07 a.m.), *Arbin Mitchell (9:10 a.m.), *Titus J. Nez (9:50 a.m.) and *Nathan Notah (10:06 a.m.)

Invocation provided by Honorable Arbin Mitchell

2. Recognize Guest and Visiting Officials:

Review Sign-in Sheets

3. Review and Adopt the Agenda:

Amendment #1: Move item 5 b. Report from Vernon Jackson, Chief Prosecutor, to last item on agenda.

Motioned by: Honorable Titus J. Nez

Seconded by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell

Votes: 04 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: HMD/NN/TJN/AM
Nays: None; Not Voting: ECN)

Main Motion: Accepting Agenda

Motioned by: Honorable Titus J. Nez

Seconded by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell

Votes: 04 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: HMD/NN/TJN/AM
Nays: None; Not Voting: ECN)

4. Review and Adopt the Journal(s):

March 23, 2026 & April 6, 2026

Combine both Journals with 1 vote to accept

Motioned by: Honorable Nathan Notah

Seconded by: Honorable Titus Nez

Votes: 04 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: HMD/TJN/AM/NN
Nays: None; Not Voting: ECN)

5. Receiving Reports:

- a. Report from Robert Willie, Assistant Controller, Office of the Controller regarding Judicial/Public Safety Fund Balance.

To Suspend Floor Rules to bring back item 5 a. Due to a delay in receiving report from Mr. Willie, Assistant Controller

Motioned by: Honorable Nathan Notah

Seconded by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell

Votes: 04 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: HMD/TJN/AM/NN
Nays: None; Not Voting: ECN)

To accept Report from Robert Willie, Assistant Controller

Motioned by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell

Seconded by: Honorable Titus J. Nez

Votes: 03 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: TJN/AM/NN
Nays: None; Not Voting: ECN/HMD)

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business:

- a. **Legislation No. 0065-26:** An Action Relating to the Law and Order Committee; Amending Plan of Operation for Navajo Department of Criminal Investigations, Division of Public Safety - Sponsors: Honorable Eugenia Charles Newton/Honorable Crystalayne Curley (Eligible for Action 4/6/26).

Honorable Arbin Mitchell Chaired item a. Legislation No. 0065-26

Main Motion:

Motioned by: Honorable Titus J. Nez

Seconded by: Honorable Nathan Notah

Votes: 04 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: ECN/HMD/NN/TJN

Nays: None; Not Voting: AM)

- b. **Legislation No. 0070-26:** An Action Relating to Law and Order and Naabik'iyati' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending Title 11 of the Navajo Nation Code to Establish Forfeiture of Position by Elected and Adopted Officials who fail to subscribe and swear to the Oath of Office - *Sponsor: Honorable Andy Nez* (Eligible for Action 4/13/26).

Main Motion:

Motioned by: Honorable Titus J. Nez

Seconded by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell

Votes: 04 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: HMD/NN/TJN/AM

Nays: None; Not Voting: ECN)

- c. **Legislation No. 0045-26:** An Action Relating to the Law and Order and Naabik'iyati' Committees; Approving and Authorizing the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety, Navajo Police Department and the Arizona Department of Public Safety, A Political Subdivision of the State of Arizona - *Sponsor: Honorable Andy Nez*.

Main Motion:

Motioned by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell

Seconded by: Honorable Titus J. Nez

No Vote Taken

Amendment #1: Page 2, Line 28, the changes indicated below:
"... and the Navajo Nation Attorney General, or in the absence of a Navajo Nation Attorney General, the Assistant Attorney General of the Human Services and Government Unit, are hereby authorized to execute and effectuate the IGA..."

Motioned by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell

Seconded by: Honorable Titus J. Nez

No Vote Taken

Table Legislation No. 0045-26 up to April 27, 2026

Motioned by: Honorable Titus J. Nez

Seconded by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell

Votes: 04 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: HMD/NN/TJN/AM
Nays: None; Not Voting: ECN)

- d. **Legislation No. 0046-26:** An Action Relating to the Law and Order and Naabik'iyati' Committees; Approving and Authorizing the Mutual Aid Agreement Between the Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety, Navajo Police Department and San Juan County Sheriff's Office, A Political Subdivision of the State of New Mexico - *Sponsor: Honorable Andy Nez.*

Defer Legislation No. 0046-26 to next LOC Meeting April 27, 2026

- e. Discussion, propose to meet with Department of Personnel, Office of Management & Budget, and Department of Justice regarding pay plan regarding 638 funds in a Leadership Meeting with LOC.

Leadership Meeting scheduled for April 27, 2026, after LOC Special Meeting. (Vote combined with item f. see below)

- f. Discussion purpose LOC Regular Meeting and include Public Hearings.

LOC/Public Hearings scheduled 4/27/26 Tohatchi, NM, 5/26/26 Montezuma Creek, UT, 6/8/26 Many Farms, AZ, 6/15/26 St. Michaels, AZ, 6/22/26 Crownpoint, NM, 6/29/26 Twin Arrows, AZ

Item 7. Letter e. and f. combined in 1 vote

Motioned by: Honorable Titus J. Nez.

Seconded by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell

Votes: 03 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: NN/TJN/AM
Nays: None; Not Voting: ECN/HMD)

- G. Report from Vernon Jackson, Chief Prosecutor, Office of the Prosecutor on Ella Mae Begay's Case.

Executive Session: At 1:28 p.m. for 30 minutes

Motioned by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell

Seconded by: Honorable Titus J. Nez

Votes: 03 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: NN/TJN/AM
Nays: None; Not Voting: ECN/HMD)

Roll Call for attendance: at 2:17 p.m.

Honorable Eugenia Charles Newton, Honorable Titus J. Nez,
Honorable Arbin Mitchell answered roll call as present

Exit Executive Session: at 2:17 p.m.

Motioned by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell

Seconded by: Honorable Titus J. Nez

Votes: 03 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: NN/TJN/AM
Nays: None; Not Voting: ECN/HMD)

To Accept Report from Vernon Jackson, Chief Prosecutor

Motioned by: Honorable Titus J. Nez

Seconded by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell

Votes: 03 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: NN/TJN/AM
Nays: None; Not Voting: ECN/HMD)

8. Close of Meeting, Announcements and Adjournment.

Madame Chair Eugenia Charles-Newton called for adjournment
at 2:21 p.m.

Motioned by: Honorable Titus J. Nez

Seconded by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell

Votes: 03 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: NN/TJN/AM
Nays: None; Not Voting: ECN/HMD)