

APPROVED AGENDA OF THE
LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE OF THE
25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING

February 17, 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, Roll Call and Invocation

Meeting called to order by Honorable Madam Chair Eugenia Charles-Newton at 10:10 a.m., Roll call taken by Lori Caldwell, Legislative Assistant/OLS, with three (3) members present.

Honorable Members Present: *Eugenia Charles-Newton (10:09 a.m.), *Arbin Mitchell (9:40 a.m.), *Herman M. Daniels Jr. (9:56 a.m.)

Honorable Member Excused: Nathan Notah

Invocation Provided by Honorable Arbin Mitchell

2. Recognize Guest and Visiting Officials

Please Review Sign-in Sheet

3. Review and Adopt the Agenda:

Laureen Spencer Legislative Advisor/OLS read Agenda into the record.

Amendment #1:

To move New Business Legislation No. 0018-26, 0019-26 and 0028-26 before Reports.

Motioned by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell
Seconded by: Honorable Herman M. Daniels Jr.
Votes: 02 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: AM/HMD;
Nays: None: Not Voting: ECN/NN)

Amendment #2:

To add Discussion topic to hold LOC meeting in Monument Valley, Utah.

Motioned by: Honorable Herman M. Daniels Jr.
Seconded by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell
Votes: 02 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: AM/HMD;
Nays: None: Not Voting: ECN/NN)

Main Motion:

Motioned by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell
Seconded by: Honorable Herman M. Daniels Jr.
Votes: 02 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: AM/HMD;
Nays: None: Not Voting: ECN/NN)

4. Review and Adopt the Journal(s):

- January 05, 2026 - Joint Meeting
- January 12, 2026 - Regular Meeting
- January 20, 2026 - Special Meeting

Honorable Arbin Mitchell Motion to Combine all three Journals.

Motioned by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell
Seconded by: Honorable Herman M. Daniels Jr.
Votes: 02 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: AM/HMD;
Nays: None: Not Voting: ECN/NN)

5. New Business:

- a. Legislation No. 0018-26:** An Action Relating to the Law and Order, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyati' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving The Arizona Mutual Aid Compact Between the Navajo Nation, Division of Public Safety and the State of Arizona, Department of Emergency and Military Affairs; Approving a Limited Waiver of the Sovereign Immunity of the Navajo Nation for the Mutual Aid Compact -
Sponsors: Honorable Crystalyne Curley/Co-Sponsor: Honorable Helena Nez Begay.

Honorable Arbin Mitchell added to Legislation No. 0018-26 as Co-Sponsor

Tabled Legislation No. 0018-26

Moved to next LOC meeting. Need Director Henderson and Acting Director of Emergency Management present for discussion.

- b. Legislation No. 0019-26:** An Action Relating to Law and Order Committee; Appointing a Law and Order Committee Member to Serve as a Navajo Times Shareholder Representative - *Sponsor: Honorable Eugena Charles-Newton.*

Chair Pro tempore: Honorable Arbin Mitchell

Amendment #1:

To amend and insert Arbin Mitchell on Page 2, Line 10, Honorable Delegate Arbin Mitchell, as member of the Navajo Nation Law and Order Standing Committee, is hereby designed to serve as a shareholder representative to the Navajo Times Publishing Company, Inc.

Motioned by: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton
Seconded by: Honorable Herman M. Daniels Jr.
Votes: 02 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: ECN/HMD;
Nays: None: Not Voting: AM/NN)

Main Motion:

Motioned by: Honorable Herman M. Daniels Jr.
Seconded by: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton
Votes: 02 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: ECN/HMD;
Nays: None: Not Voting: AM/NN)

- c. Legislation No. 0028-26:** An Act Relating to the Law and Order Committee, and the Naabik'iyati' Committee, and the Navajo Nation Council, Amending Navajo Nation Code Title 2 § 1152 such that the Navajo Nation Washington Office Director shall Serve at the Pleasure of the Navajo Nation Council - *Sponsor: Honorable Amber Kanazbah Crotty.*

Motioned by: Honorable Herman M. Daniels Jr.
Seconded by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell
Votes: 00 in Favor; 02 Opposed (Yeas: None;
Nays: AM/HMD: Not Voting: ECN/NN)

6. Receiving Reports:

- a. Report from Kathleen Bowman, Director, Office of Public Defender regarding the Plan of Operation for Public Defender.

Motioned by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell

Seconded by: Honorable Herman M. Daniels Jr.

Votes: 02 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: AM/HMD;
Nays: None: Not Voting: ECN/NN)

- b. Report from John Williams, Navajo Nation Fire Chief on the concern that was made from the Firefighters.

Motioned by: Honorable Herman M. Daniels Jr.

Seconded by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell

Votes: 02 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: AM/HMD;
Nays: None: Not Voting: ECN/NN)

- c. Report from Eleanor Shirley, Interim Chief Justice, Office of the Chief Justice, Judicial Branch of the Navajo Nation regarding Fiscal Year 2026 First Quarterly Report October 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025.

Motioned by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell

Seconded by: Honorable Herman M. Daniels Jr.

Votes: 02 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: AM/HMD;
Nays: None: Not Voting: ECN/NN)

- d. Report from Vernon Jackson, Chief Prosecutor, Office of the Chief Prosecutor regarding Special Assistant United States Attorney (SAUSA).

LOC accepted report without a motion or second, will call back before LOC at a different time.

- e. Report from Kyle Petersen, Government & Legislative Affairs Associate, Navajo Nation Washington Office on ICE's 287(g) program.

LOC deferred Report to next LOC meeting

7. Old Business: None

8. Discussion/Approval:

- a. Discussion and approval for LOC to meet in Monument Valley, Utah to meet with the family of the incident that happened at Kayenta Christmas Parade.

Laureen Spencer is to contact Kayenta, that LOC is available to meet March 9th or the 16th.

9. Close of Meeting, Announcements and Adjournment.

Madam Chair Eugenia Charles-Newton called meeting to adjourn at 3:16 p.m.

Motioned by: Honorable Herman M. Daniels Jr.
Seconded by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell
Votes: 02 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: AM/HMD;
 Nays: None: Not Voting: ECN/NN)