

**JOURNAL OF THE
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

REGULAR MEETING

**August 3, 2026
10:13 a.m.**

PRESIDING: Honorable Rickie Nez, Pro Tem Chairperson

LOCATION: NDOT Senator John Pinto Meeting Room – Mentmore, (Navajo Nation), New Mexico

I. Call Meeting to Order; Roll Call; Invocation; Announcements:

In person/teleconference meeting called to order by Pro Tem Chairperson Rickie Nez at 10:13 a.m.

Resources and Development Committee Members: Brenda Jesus @ 10:13 a.m. viz Zoom, Casey Allen Johnson @ 10:15 a.m., Shawna Ann Claw @ 10:18 a.m. via Zoom, Otto Tso @ 10:00 a.m. via Zoom, Danny Simpson @ 10:05 a.m. and Rickie Nez @ 9:50 a.m.

Resources and Development Members who were not present: None

Invocation was provided from Danny Simpson

Legislative Staff present:

Leslie Tsosie, Legislative Advisor, Ramona J. Nelson, Legislative Assistant and Mariana Kahn, Legislative Counsel.

II. Recognizing Guests & Visiting Officials:

Others present: See the Visitor Sign in Sheet for listing of Guests in attendance

III. Review and Adopt Agenda:

Amendment No. 1:

1. Consent Agenda for the following Legislation(s) under 7. New Business item a. on the agenda:

- b. Legislation No. 0174-24
- c. Legislation No. 0175-24
- d. Legislation No. 0176-24
- e. Legislation No. 0178-24
- f. Legislation No. 0184-24

2. Consent agenda as item 5. On the agenda

3. Renumber accordingly of the items on the agenda:

- 6. Receiving Report
- 7. Old Business:

Note: Brenda Jesus entertained a modification to the amendment to include Legislation No. 0157-26

a. Legislation No. 0157-26

Amendment Motion to Approve: Danny Simpson

Second: Brenda Jesus

Votes: 5-0; Yea: Brenda Jesus, Casey Allen Johnson, Shawna Ann Claw, Danny Simpson and Otto Tso.
0 opposed. Pro Tem Chairperson Rickie Nez not voting.

Main Motion: Brenda Jesus

Second: Otto Tso

Votes: 5-0; Yea: Brenda Jesus, Casey Allen Johnson, Shawna Ann Claw, Danny Simpson and Otto Tso.
0 opposed. Pro Tem Chairperson Rickie Nez not voting.

IV. Review and Adopt Journal:

- Wednesday, July 1, 2026 – Special Meeting
- Monday, July 6, 2026 – Regular Meeting

Main Motion: Danny Simpson

Second: Brenda Jesus

Votes: 5-0; Yea: Brenda Jesus, Casey Allen Johnson, Shawna Ann Claw, Danny Simpson and Otto Tso. 0 opposed. Pro Tem Chairperson Rickie Nez not voting.

V. New Business:

Consent Agenda:

- a. **Legislation No. 0157-26:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development and Budget and Finance Committees; Accepting a Performance Audit of the Navajo Nation Business Site Lease and Process and Approving the Division of Economic Development's Proposed Corrective Action Plan
Sponsor: Brenda Jesus, Council Delegate
Leslie Tsosie, Legislative Advisor read legislation heading into record
- **Legislation No. 0174-26:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development and Budget and Finance Committees; Accepting the Internal Audit of the Tse'Lichi (Red Rock) Chapter and Approving the Chapter's Proposed Corrective Action Plan
Sponsor: Lester Yazzie, Council Delegate
Leslie Tsosie, Legislative Advisor read legislation heading into record
- **Legislation No. 0175-26:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development and Budget and Finance Committees; Accepting the Internal Audit of the Baahaali Chapter and Approving the Chapter's Proposed Corrective Action Plan
Sponsor: Lester Yazzie, Council Delegate
Leslie Tsosie, Legislative Advisor read legislation heading into record

- **Legislation No. 0176-26:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'íyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving an Appropriation of \$34,019,365 from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance ("UUFB") for Drought Response and Mitigation Efforts; Waiving 12 N.N.C. § 820(N)(1); Waiving Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Instructions Manual Section (13)(A)(4)(a).
Sponsor: Crystalyne Curley and Co-Sponsored by Germaine Simonson, Council Delegates
Leslie Tsosie, Legislative Advisor read legislation heading into record
- **Legislation No. 0178-26:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee and Budget and Finance Committee; Amending Delegate Vince James' Revenue Replacement Reserve Funded Delegate Region Project Plan to add and Delete Cornfields Chapter Projects
Sponsor: Vince R. James, Council Delegate
Leslie Tsosie, Legislative Advisor read legislation heading into record
- **Legislation No. 0184-26:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development and Naabik'íyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving Three State of Arizona Grazing Leases (Big Boquillas Ranch Lease, the Winslow Tract – Hahn Ranch Lease, and the Winslow Tract – Standing Horse Ranch Lease) and the Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity Contained in those Leases
Sponsor: Casey Allen Johnson, Council Delegate
Leslie Tsosie, Legislative Advisor read legislation heading into record

Main Motion to Approve: Danny Simpson

Second: Casey Allen Johnson

Votes: 5-0; Yea: Brenda Jesus, Casey Allen Johnson, Shawna Ann Claw, Danny Simpson and Otto Tso. 0 opposed. Pro Tem Chairperson Rickie Nez not voting.

VI. Receiving Report:

- a. Navajo Area Indian Health Service (NAIHS) on the Sanitation Facilities Construction Tribal Advisory Committee (SFCTAC)

Presenters: Brian K. Johnson Director, Office of Environmental Health and Engineering (OEHE), Helen A. Shannon, Deputy Director, OEHE, CAPT Alan Dellapenna, Environmental Health Officer

- An oral and written report was provided to the Committee

Main Motion to Accept: Casey Allen Johnson

Second: Brenda Jesus

Votes: 5-0; Yea: Brenda Jesus, Casey Allen Johnson, Shawna Ann Claw, Danny Simpson and Otto Tso. 0 opposed. Pro Tem Chairperson Rickie Nez not voting.

VI. Old Business:

- a. **Legislation No. 0158-26:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development and Budget and Finance Committee; Accepting a Performance Audit of Navajo Nation Agricultural Infrastructure Fund and Approving the Department of Agriculture's Proposed Corrective Action Plan

Sponsor: Brenda Jesus, Council Delegate

The legislation was previously read into record by Leslie Tsosie, Legislative Advisor

Main Motion to Approve: Brenda Jesus

Second: Danny Simpson

Votes: 5-0; Yea: Brenda Jesus, Casey Allen Johnson, Shawna Ann Claw, Danny Simpson and Otto Tso. 0 opposed. Pro Tem Chairperson Rickie Nez not voting.

Note: Vice Chairperson Casey Allen Johnson presided

Amendment No. 2:

1. Request to add an item under New Business b. Schedule a Special Resources and Development Committee Meeting, Thursday, August 6, 2026 @ 9 a.m.

Amendment Motion to Approve: Rickie Nez

Second: Danny Simpson

Votes: 5-0; Yea: Brenda Jesus, Rickie Nez, Shawna Ann Claw, Danny Simpson and Otto Tso. 0 opposed. Vice Chairperson not voting.

V. New Business:

- b. Schedule a Special Meeting for Thursday, August 6, 2026 @ 9 a.m. – NDOT, Mentmore, NM with a modification from Danny Simpson of the time from 9 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Main Motion to Approve: Danny Simpson

Second: Rickie Nez

Votes: 5-0; Yea: Brenda Jesus, Rickie Nez, Shawna Ann Claw, Danny Simpson and Otto Tso. 0 opposed. Vice Chairperson not voting.

VIII. Close of Session; Announcements; Adjournment

Main Motion to Adjourn @ 12:02 p.m.: Danny Simpson

Second: Otto Tso

Votes: 5-0; Yea: Brenda Jesus, Rickie Nez, Shawna Ann Claw, Danny Simpson and Otto Tso. 0 opposed. Vice Chairperson not voting.