

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

REGULAR MEETING

April 27, 2026
10:00 A.M.

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

LOCATION: Tohatchi Chapter House, Tohatchi, New Mexico

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

Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton called meeting to order at 10:06 a.m., Roll Call taken by Lori Caldwell, Legislative Assistant/OLS, with Four (4) members present.

Honorable Members Present: *Eugenia Charles Newton (9:50 a.m.), *Arbin Mitchell (9:49 a.m.), *Titus J. Nez (9:54 a.m.) and *Nathan Notah (9:15 a.m.)

Honorable Member Excused: Herman M. Daniels Jr.

Invocation provided by Elvis Bitsilly, Tohatchi Chapter President

2. Recognize Guest and Visiting Officials:

Review Sign-in Sheets

3. Review and Adopt the Agenda:

Amendment #1: To move Legislation 0045-26, 0046-26, 0073-26, 0084-26 before receiving reports

Motioned by: Honorable Arbin Mithell

Seconded by: Honorable Nathan Notah

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

Main Motion: To adopt the agenda

Motioned by: Honorable Nathan Notah

Seconded by: Honorable Titus J. Nez
Votes: 03 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: NN/TJN/AM
Nays: None; Not Voting: ECN/HMD)

4. Review and Adopt the Journal(s): None

5. Old Business:

- a. **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, Honorable Nathan Notah, Honorable Arbin Mitchell, Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton, Honorable Titus J. Nez*

To Move Legislation No. 0045-26 off the table:

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)

Amendment #1:

AMENDMENT TO LEGISLATION 0045-26

1. Page 2, Line 28, the changes indicated below:
 ~~"...and the Navajo Nation Attorney General~~ Department of Justice, are hereby authorized to execute and effectuate the IGA..."
2. **Renumber or re-letter succeeding paragraphs, sections, and exhibits, as necessary and appropriate.** The Office of Legislative Services and Office of Legislative Counsel are authorized to make technical edits, including re-calculating totals, to this legislation and its exhibits to implement the Navajo Nation Council's intent. This amendment supersedes inconsistent language in any other amendment(s), which language shall be conformed to this amendment.

Motioned by: Honorable Titus J. Nez
Seconded by: Honorable Nathan Notah
Votes: 03 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: NN/TJN/AM
Nays: None; Not Voting: ECN/HMD)

Main Motion:

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)

[This legislation was tabled on April 13, 2026, motion by Hon. Titus J. Nez, second by Hon. Arbin Mitchell, 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 not voting, until summary of NABI Meeting from March 12, 2026, is completed and placed back on the agenda for April 27, 2026. Amendment No. 1 made on April 13, 2026, motion made by Hon. Arbin Mitchell, second by Hon. Titus J. Nez. Main motion and amendment motion not voted on].

6. New Business:

- a. **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, Honorable Nathan Notah, Honorable Arbin Mitchell, Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton, Honorable Titus J. Nez*

Amendment #1:

AMENDMENT TO LEGISLATION 0046-26

1. Page 2, Line 29, the changes indicated below:

"...and the ~~Navajo Nation Attorney General~~ Department of Justice, to execute and effectuate the Agreement..."

2. **Renumber or re-letter succeeding paragraphs, sections, and exhibits, as necessary and appropriate.** The Office of Legislative Services and Office of Legislative Counsel are authorized to make technical edits, including re-calculating totals, to this legislation and its exhibits

to implement the Navajo Nation Council's intent. This amendment supersedes inconsistent language in any other amendment(s), which language shall be conformed to this amendment.

Motioned by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell
Seconded by: Honorable Nathan Notah
Votes: 03 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: NN/TJN/AM
Nays: None; Not Voting: ECN/HMD)

Main Motion:

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)

- b. **Legislation No. 0073-26:** An Act Relating to the Law and Order, Resources and Development and Naabik'iyati' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving the Name Change of the Oak Springs Chapter to Oak/Pine Springs Chapter; Amending 11 N.N.C. § 10 (A) - *Sponsor: Honorable Brenda Jesus/Co-Sponsor Honorable Arbin Mitchell*

Motioned by: Honorable Nathan Notah
Seconded by: Honorable Titus J. Nez
Votes: 03 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: NN/TJN/AM
Nays: None; Not Voting: ECN/HMD)

- c. **Legislation No. 0084-26:** An Action Relating to Law and Order Committee; Appointing a Law and Order Committee Member to Serve as a Navajo Nation Oil and Gas Corporation Shareholder Representative - *Sponsor: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton.*

Vice Chair Nathan Notah Chaired Legislation No. 0084-26

Main Motion:

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)

Amendment #1:

AMENDMENT TO LEGISLATION 0084-26

1. Page 2, Line 11, the changes indicated below:

After "Honorable Delegate insert "Eugenia Charles-Newton"

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)

Amendment #2:

1. Page 2, Line 15 insert the following:

Honorable Delegate Titus Nez, a member of the Navajo Nation Law and Order Standing Committee, is hereby appointed to serve as a shareholder representative to the Navajo Transitional Energy Company.

2. **Renumber or re-letter succeeding paragraphs, sections, and exhibits, as necessary and appropriate.** The Office of Legislative Services and Office of Legislative Counsel are authorized to make technical edits, including re-calculating totals, to this legislation and its exhibits to implement the Navajo Nation Council ' s intent. This amendment supersedes inconsistent language in any other amendment(s) , which language shall be conformed to this amendment.

Motioned by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell

Seconded by: Honorable Titus J. Nez

Votes: 03 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: ECN/TJN/AM

Nays: None; Not Voting: NN/HMD)

7. Receiving Reports:

a. Report from Lam Corporation, Architect; Parsons, Project Management Team and Department of Correction regarding Tohatchi First Responders Substation.

Motioned by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell

Seconded by: Honorable Nathan Notah

Votes: 03 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: NN/TJN/AM

Nays: None; Not Voting: ECN/HMD)

- b. Report on Project Update on Rural Addressing, NG9-1-1 and PSAP Consolidation. Michael Henderson, Director, Navajo Division of Public Safety.

Motioned by: Honorable Titus J. Nez

Seconded by: Honorable Nathan Notah

Votes: 03 in Favor; 00 Opposed (Yeas: NN/TJN/AM

Nays: None; Not Voting: ECN/HMD)

- c. Report from Eleanor Shirley, Interim Chief Justice, Judicial Branch regarding Judicial Conduct Commission (vacant position) and how the commission members are selected.

Interim Chief Justice, Eleanor Shirley, was Excused from giving report.

- d. Discussion: Purpose of Public Hearing to inform the public of Title 17 of the Criminal Code to create a safer Navajo Nation. "An Act Relating to the Law and Order and Naabik'yati' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending Title 14 and Title 17 of the Navajo Nation Code".

Directive:

The Law and Order Committee (LOC) directs the Navajo Nation Office of the Prosecutor, Navajo Nation Ethics and Rules, the Navajo Election Administration, and the Office of Legislative Counsel to work collaboratively to ensure that 17 N.N.C. §365 is followed. See CO-59-17, Nov. 6, 2017. The Navajo Nation Office of the Prosecutor shall screen the candidates who have filed for the 2026 Navajo Nation election:

- Navajo Nation President
- Navajo Nation Vice-President
- Navajo Nation Council Delegates
- Navajo Board of Election Supervisors
- Navajo Nation Board of Election
- Kayenta Township Commissioners
- Naschitti Chapter Governance Commissioners

on or before the close of business on Friday, May 1, 2026. If a candidate is found in violation of 17 N.N.C. §365, the

Office of the Prosecutor shall immediately notify the Navajo Election Administration no later than Friday, May 1, 2026.

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)

Main Motion:

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)

8. Close of Meeting, Announcements and Adjournment.

Madame Chair Eugenia Charles-Newton called for Adjournment at 5:45 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)