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HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
OF THE 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

SIGN-IN SHEET/ROLL CALL SHEET

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2026 @ 10:00 A.M.
DATE/TIME

Navajo Nation Council Chamber, Window Rock, NN (AZ)
Location

Meeting Call to Order at: 10:08 AM Adjourned at: 5:11 pm

MEMBERS	TIME IN	TIME OUT	SIGNATURES
Vince R. James (C)	9:55 AM	5:11 pm	
Germaine Simonson (VC)	—	—	ABSENT
Helena Nez-Begay, Member	10:11 AM	5:11 PM	
Dr. Andy Nez, Member	10:04 AM	5:11 PM	
George H. Tolth, Member	10:01 AM	11:39 AM	V12 Zoom
Curtis Yanito, Member	10:01 AM	5:11 PM	
Angelita Benally, Legislative Advisor			
Karen J. Thompson, Legislative Assistant			
MacArthur Stant, Legislative Counsel			V12 Zoom
Jason John, Legislative Staff Asst.			
Mary J. Nez, Executive Assistant-OOS			
Delegates Office			

OTHER DELEGATE(S):

	TIME IN	TIME OUT	SIGNATURES		TIME IN	TIME OUT	SIGNATURES
1.	10:20AM	11:00 AM		6.			
2.	12:28pm	2:14pm		7.			
3.	12:55 PM	1:34 PM		8.			
4.	1:48 PM	3:20PM		9.			
5.	3:00PM	4:45pm		10.			

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1	Ben Bennett	Bitco		
2	Daniel Shafer	Bitco		
3	Willis Beat	CNVU Cont		
4	Joelynn Ashley	Bitco		
5	John Franklin			
6	Victoria Begay	SWF		
7	R Graham	OMNSFC		
8	Tanya Tsosie	OMB		
9	AARON LONG	NMVA		
10	Hubert Smith	NNVAC		

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11	JMcCabe	OMB		
12	Alberto Chavarria	LOA VJames		
13	Judy Chavez	NTUA		
14	Rahm Mayo	JCWIF		
15		DOS		
16		BSE		
17		ZOOM PARTICIPANTS		
18	Honorable George H. Tohh			
19	Honorable Helena Nez Begay			
20	Honorable Curtis Yanito			

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21	Candace French			
22	Mac Stant			
23	Katherine Belzowski			
24	Angelee James			
25	CMOR Juan			
26	Dawn Groves, TSG			
27	GH			
28	Jay's Notetaker			
29	Jeremiah Bitsui			
30	Judy Chaves			

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31	Marcarlo's Notetaker			
32	Mario Joe			
33	Vivian			
34	Brando Opazo			
35	Del-Navajo EPI			
36	Cherlyn S.			
37	Darrell Williams			
38	505 ~~****~~ 094			
39	928 ~~****~~ 153			
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AGENDA

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October 12, 2026
10:00 AM

PRESIDING: Honorable Vince R. James, Chairperson
Honorable Germaine Simonson, Vice-Chairperson

PLACE: Navajo Nation Council Chambers
https://navajonationcouncil-org.zoom.us/j/88178631853
Webinar ID: 88178631853
Join via Audio: +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma); +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
Passcode: 070067
Window Rock, Navajo Nation (AZ)

[ ] Helena Nez Begay	[ ] Germaine Simonson
[ ] Vince R. James	[ ] George Tolth
[ ] Dr. Andy Nez	[ ] Curtis Yanito

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; INVOCATION; ANNOUNCEMENTS**

2. **RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS**

3. **REVIEW AND ADOPT THE AGENDA:**

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4. **REVIEW AND ADOPT THE JOURNAL(S):**
   - September 14, 2026 Regular Meeting
   - September 16, 2026 Special Meeting
   - September 21, 2026 Regular Meeting

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5. **NEW BUSINESS:** ***Consent Agenda***

   A. **Legislation No. 0223-26:** An Action Relating to the Health, Education, and Human Services; Budget and Finance; and Naabik'íyáti' Committees; Approving and Authorizing a Contract Between the Navajo Nation and the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 5301 Et Seq. (Public Law 93-638, as Amended), for a Seven (7) Year Term Beginning January 1, 2027 and Ending December 31, 2033, for the Navajo Nation Higher Education Program
   Sponsor: Delegate Vince R. James

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B. Legislation No. 0226-26: An Action Relating to the Health, Education, and Human Services and Naabik'íyáti' Committees; Approving a Tribal Resolution Supporting the Navajo Epidemiology Center's Participation in the Launching of the Tribal Implementation Center Program Diné Bikéyah Naałniih Naalkaah (Disease Tracking on the Navajo Land) Data Modernization Initiative
Sponsor: Delegate Andy Nez

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C. Legislation No.0227-26: An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee; Establishing an Investigatory Hearing to Determine Compliance with Navajo Nation Laws, Regulations Rules, and Policies Concerning the Navajo Nation's Veterans Funding and Related Matters; Adopting Investigatory Hearing Rules
Sponsor: Delegate Andy Nez

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D. Legislation No. 0235-26: An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services, Resources and Development, Budget and Finance and Naabik'íyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Allocating $1,700,000 from the Síhasin Fund to Division of General Services for Accessibility Improvements at Chapter Houses and Other Public Facilities; Approving and Adopting the Project Expenditure Plan Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §§ 2501-2508.
Sponsor: Delegate Eugenia Charles-Newton
Co-Sponsor: Delegate Crystalyne Curley

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6. REPORT(S):

- Update on the Navajo Veterans Administration Veteran housing utility connections.

A. <u>NTUA Administration</u>
Martin Ashley, NTUA Government Liaison
Rayni Nelson, Associate Deputy General Manager, NTUA Administration
Judy Chavez, Assistant Manager (Water Connection); NTUA Administration
Shannon Burnette, Assistant Manager (Electrical Power Connection); NTUA Administration
Hiram Gleasen, Engineering Supervisor
Garridyn Henderson, Project Manager; NTUA
Mario Gorman, Principal Engineer – DGM; Water/Waste Water Dept.
Jeremy Bitsoi, Construction Quality Assurance Officer; Water/Waste Water Dept.

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B. Report: Completion of the construction of a Veterans' home in Shiprock, NN (NM).

- Construction by the Sparrow Group.
- Chronological outline of work on the Veteran's home.

- Work completed on the interior of the home.

Presenter: John Franklin, Veteran – Army Military Branch
Shiprock, NN (NM)

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C. Report/Update: Veteran housing utility connections.
Presenter(s):

- **The Sparrow Group**
  David Wiegand – CEO
  Eric Bailey, Vice President
  Dawn Groves, P.O.C.

- **Southwest Indian Foundation (SWIF)**
  Patrick Mason, Program Manger
  Jonessa Romos, Housing Coordinator
  Roberta Concho, Accounting
  Victoria Begay, SWIF Board Member

- **Bitco Corporation**
  Jeremiah Bitsui – Owner
  David Shafer, Site Superintendent

- **Navajo Veterans Administration**
  Aaron Long, Executive Director; Navajo Veterans Administration
  William Nez, Veterans Housing Manager; NVA

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D. Report: Navajo Veterans Administration

- Update on NVA Activities
- Update on communication with Agency Veterans Organization and Chapter Veterans Organization

Presenter: Aaron Long, Executive Director; Navajo Veterans Administration

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7. OLD BUSINESS: *None*

8. CLOSE OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT; NEXT MEETING(S)/TRAVEL:

- October 19 - 23, 2026 10:00 am Daily Navajo Nation Council Fall Session, Window Rock, NN (AZ)
- Monday, October 26, 2026 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting; B&F conference room, Window Rock, NN (AZ)
- Thursday, October 29, 2026 10:00 am Work Session with HEHSC by AZ-DES; Phoenix, AZ

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