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LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE

OF THE 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

Law and Order Committee Conference Room
Window Rock, AZ

October 12, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Meeting called to order by Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton, Chairperson at 10:01 a.m. Roll call completed by Shannon Lee, Legislative Assistant/OLS with four (04) members present.

Honorable members present: *Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton (10:00 a.m.); *Honorable Nathan Notah (09:59 a.m.); *Honorable Arbin Mitchell (09:25 a.m.); *Honorable Titus J. Nez via Zoom (09:55 a.m.).

Honorable members not present or arrived after roll call: Honorable Herman Daniels, Jr. (10:03 a.m.).

Invocation provided by Honorable Nathan Notah.

Announcements: None

2. Recognize Guest and Visiting Officials:
See attached reference sign-in sheet.

3. Review and Adopt the Agenda:
The Proposed Agenda for October 12, 2026, Regular Meeting has been read into record by Laureen Spencer, Legislative Advisor/OLS.

Motioned by:	Honorable Arbin Mitchell
Second by:	Honorable Nathan Notah
Vote:	04 in favor, 00 opposed, 01 not voting (Yeas: TJN/NN/AM/HMD; Not voting: ECN)

4. Review and Adopt the Journal(s):
- September 21,2026 - September 28,2026

Motioned by: Honorable Titus J. Nez
Second by: Honorable Nathan Notah
Vote: 04 in favor, 00 opposed, 01 not voting
(Yeas: TJN/AM/NN/HMD; not voting: ECN)

5. Receiving Reports: NONE

6. Old Business: NONE

7. New Business: NONE

Consent Agenda

A. **Legislation No. 0218-26**: An Act Relating to the Law and Order and Naabik'iyati'Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. §164 (A)(1); Removing December 31st as the Last Day for Consideration of Resolutions prior to the Swearing-in of a New Council – Sponsor: Honorable Shawna Ann Claw.

Legislation No. 0224-26: An Act Relating to Law and Order and the Naabik'iyati'Committees; and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(B) to Provide that Standing Committee's Failure to place properly assigned Proposed Resolution on the Committee's Next Meeting Agenda Shall be Deemed Action by the Committee – Sponsor: Honorable Andy Nez.

Legislation No. 0228-26: An Action Relating to Law and Order Committee, Naabik'iyati' Committee, and the Navajo Nation Council; Confirming the Appointment of Joann Jayne as the Navajo Nation Attorney General – Sponsors: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton/Co-Sponsor Honorable Crystalyne Curley.

Legislation No. 0229-26: An Action Relating to Law and Order Committee, Naabik'iyati' Committee, and the Navajo Nation Council; Confirming the Appointment of Kris Beecher, Esq, as the Navajo Nation Deputy Attorney General - Sponsors: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton/Co-Sponsor Honorable Crystalyne Curley.

Legislation No. 0230-26: An Action Relating to the Law and Order and Naabik'iyati' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Declining to Appoint and Approve Joann Jayne as the Navajo Nation Attorney General; Declining to Recognize Joann Jayne as Attorney General in any Acting or Interim Capacity; and Directing her Immediate Removal from the Office of the Attorney General - Sponsors: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton/Co-Sponsor Honorable Crystalyne Curley.

Legislation No. 0231-26: An Action Relating to the Law and Order and Naabik'iyati' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Declining to Appoint and Approve Kris Beecher, Esq. as the Navajo Nation Attorney General; Declining to Recognize Kris Beecher, Esq. as Deputy Attorney General in any Acting or Interim Capacity; and Directing his Immediate Removal from the Office of the Deputy Attorney General - Sponsors: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton/Co-Sponsor Honorable Crystalyne Curley.

Legislation No. 0232-26: An Act Relating to the Law and Order and Naabik'iyati' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Establishing a Referendum for Dine Voters to Decide Two Separate Measures Amending 2 N.N.C. §106(A), The First increase Salary of the Navajo Nation Council Delegates from $25,000 per year to $70,000 per year, and the Second to Replace the Chapter Ratification Requirement for Future Salary Increase with Approval by Referendum of the Navajo People; Approving the Referendum Ballot measures; Setting the Timelines for the Referendum Election; and Directing that funding be Identified and more Available to Conduct the Election - Sponsors: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton/Co-Sponsor Honorable Crystalyne Curley.

Legislation No. 0233-26: An Action Relating to the Law and Order, Resources and Development, and Naabik'iyati' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Cancelling the 2027 Navajo Nation Fair - Sponsors: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton/Co-Sponsor Honorable Crystalyne Curley.

Legislation No. 0234-26: An Act Relating to the Law and Order and Naabik'iyati' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Establishing a Referendum for Dine Voters to Decide Whether to Approve the Navajo Nation Federal Death Penalty Election Act of 2026, Declaring that the Navajo Nation
Does Not Consent to the Federal Death Penalty under 18 U.S.C. § 3598 and Requiring a Vote of the Navajo People before any

such Consent; Approving the Referendum Ballot Measure; and Setting the Timelines for the Referendum Election - Sponsors: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton/Co-Sponsor: Honorable Crystalyne Curley.

Legislation No. 0237-26: An Act Relating to Law and Order, Health, Education and Human Services, Budget and Finance and Naabik'iyati' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Enacting the Diné Government Accountability Restoration Act; Establishing the Office of the Attorney General as an Independent Elected Office and Providing for the Election of the Attorney General Counsel for Executive Branch Legal Services; and Amending and Repealing Certain Sections of Title 2, and Title 11 of the Navajo Nation Code - Sponsors: Honorable Amber Kanazbah Crotty/Co-Sponsor Honorable Crystalyne Curley.

Legislation No. 0238-26: An Act Relating to the Law and Order, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyati' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Establishing a Referendum for Diné Voters to Consider whether to Approve the Navajo Nation Budget Line Item Veto Act of 2026, Amending and Clarifying the Line-Item Veto Authority Delegated to the President of the Navajo Nation by Vote of the Navajo People in 2009, Establishing Limitations Upon the Authority, and Amending 2 N.N.C. §§164 and 1005; Approving the Referendum Ballot Measure; and Setting the Timelines for the Referendum Election - Sponsors: Honorable Amber Kanazbah Crotty/Co-Sponsor Honorable Crystalyne Curley.

Motioned by: Honorable Nathan Notah
Second by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell
Vote: 04 in favor, 00 opposed, 01 not voting
(Yeas: TJN/NN/AM/HMD; Not voting: ECN)

B. Legislation No. 0212-26: An Action Relating to Law and Order, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyati Committees; Approving and Authorizing a Contract between the Navajo Nation and the United States Department of the Interior under 25 U.S.C. §5301 ET SEQ. (P.L. 93-638, As Amended), for a Five (5) Year Term for the Period Beginning January 1, 2027 and Ending December 31, 2031 for the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch – Tribal Courts; Approving and Authorizing the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch – Tribal Courts Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Funding Agreement and Scope of Work – Sponsor: Honorable Arbin Mitchell.

Motioned by: Honorable Nathan Notah
Second by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell
Vote: 04 in favor, 00 opposed, 01 not voting
(Yeas: TJN/NN/AM/HMD; Not voting: ECN)

C. Discussion: ORT for LOC for TIBC and meet with Congressional Officials in Washington, D.C., on November 16-20, 2026.

Motioned by: Honorable Arbin Mitchell
Second by: Honorable Nathan Notah
Vote: 03 in favor, 00 opposed, 02 not voting
(Yeas: TJN/NN/AM; Not voting: ECN/HMD)

8. Close of Meeting, Announcements and Adjournment.

Honorable Arbin Mitchell, motioned there is no further business, meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.; second by Honorable Titus J. Nez; the vote was 04 in favor, 00 opposed. (Yeas: TJN/AM/NN/HMD; not voting: ECN).