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RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

September 14, 2026
10:18 a.m.

PRESIDING: Honorable Brenda Jesus, Chairperson
Honorable Casey Allen Johnson, Vice 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 Chairperson Brenda Jesus at 10:18 a.m.

Resources and Development Committee Members: Brenda Jesus @ 10:08 a.m., Casey Allen Johnson @ 10:00 a.m. via Zoom, Shawna Ann Claw @ 10:02 a.m. via Zoom, Danny Simpson @ 10:10 a.m., Otto Tso @ 10:12 a.m. via Zoom and Rickie Nez @ 9:48 a.m.

Resources and Development Members who were not present: None

Invocation was provided by Otto Tso

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 item under New Business; Legislation No. 0197-26.
2. Entertain New Business item as 5. New Business and 7. Receive Reports on the agenda

Amendment Motion: Danny Simpson
Second: Rickie Nez
Votes: 4-0; Yea: Shawna Ann Claw, Danny Simpson, Otto Tso and Rickie Nez. 0 opposed. Chairperson Brenda Jesus not voting. Casey Allen Johnson is excused.

Main Motion: Rickie Nez
Second: Danny Simpson
Votes: 4-0; Yea: Shawna Ann Claw, Danny Simpson, Otto Tso and Rickie Nez. 0 opposed. Chairperson Brenda Jesus not voting. Casey Allen Johnson is excused.

IV. Review and Adopt Journal:

- Monday, August 24, 2026 – Regular Meeting; *Defer to the next Resources and Development Committee Meeting*

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

V. New Business:

<u>Consent Agenda</u>:

a. **Legislation No. 0197-26**: An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee and Naabik'íyáti' Committee; Confirming the Appointment of Tuchoney Slim, Jr. as the Executive Director for the Office of Navajo Telecommunications Regulatory Commission
Sponsor: Rickie Nez, Council Delegate
Leslie Tsosie, Legislative Advisor, read legislation heading into record

- No Committee discussion upon approval

Danny Simpson – presiding

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

VI. Old Business: None

VII. Receiving Report:

a. Navajo Nation Times, *Diné Bi Naaltsos*, Report
Presenter(s): Mike Kellogg, CEO/Publisher and Steven Begay, Board Chair

- Written and oral reports provided to the Committee

Main Motion to Accept: Rickie Nez
Second: Shawna Ann Claw
Votes: 4-1; Yea: Casey Allen Johnson, Shawna Ann Claw, Otto Tso and Danny Simpson. 1 opposed: Rickie Nez. Chairperson Brenda Jesus not voting

b. Navajo Housing Authority
Presenter(s): Nellie Gilmore; Interim CEO

- Deferred to the next Resources and Development Committee meeting

Motion to Defer: Otto Tso
Second: Rickie Nez
Votes: 4-1; Yea: Shawna Ann Claw, Otto Tso, Danny Simpson and Rickie Nez. 1 opposed: Casey Allen Johnson. Chairperson Brenda Jesus not voting.

c. Navajo Engineering and Construction Authority Report
Presenter(s): Ray Smith, NECA and NECA Staff

- Written and oral reports provided to the Committee

Main Motion to Accept: Rickie Nez
Second: Casey Allen Johnson
Votes: 3-1; Yea: Casey Allen Johnson, Danny Simpson and Rickie Nez. 1 opposed: Shawna Ann Claw. Chairperson Brenda Jesus not voting**.** Otto Tso excused**.**

VIII. Close of Session; Announcements; Adjournment

Main Motion to Adjourn @ 2:05 p.m.: Danny Simpson
Second: Shawna Ann Claw
Votes: 4-0; Yea: Casey Allen Johnson, Shawna Ann Claw, Danny Simpson and Rickie Nez. 0 opposed. Chairperson Brenda Jesus not voting. Otto Tso excused.