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Law and Order Committee Announces Updated Appointments to the Naabik'iyati' Committee's Title II Reform Subcommittee



Photo: Left to Right Delegate Steven Arviso, and Delegate Eugenia Charles-Newton

WINDOW ROCK, AZ – The Law and Order Committee (LOC) made updates in its representation to the Naabik'iyati' Committee's Title II Reform Subcommittee, during its regular meeting held on Monday in Window Rock, Ariz. The LOC has appointed Delegate Nathan Notah and Delegate Cheryl Yazzie as its new representatives.

During the LOC meeting, the committee agreed that they would meet with the Navajo Nation Chief Prosecutor, Navajo Nation Public Defender, and other related law enforcement to discuss Title 17 of the Navajo Nation Code.

LOC Chair Charles-Newton stated, "We are to meet to discuss and amend Title 17 with the Chief Prosecutor, Navajo Nation Public Defenders, Department of Criminal Investigations, detention centers, Navajo Police Department, along with other entities. This meeting is crucial as we aim to amend Title 17."

The Naabik'iyati' Committee Title II Reform Subcommittee, established under Resolution NABIMY-15-23 on May 30, 2023, plays a critical role in evaluating and recommending modifications to the legislative operations of the Navajo Nation. This subcommittee's primary

focus is the comprehensive overview and improvement of Title II of the Navajo Nation Code, which governs the legislative framework of the government.

Responsibilities of the Title II Reform Subcommittee include:

- Assessing the structure and authority of the Navajo Nation Council and its Standing Committees.
- Proposing changes to streamline governance and enhance service delivery efficiency to the Navajo people.

The updated appointments are expected to bring new perspectives that will significantly contribute to enhancing the legislative process. The Subcommittee is tasked with ensuring that Navajo Nation laws and regulations align closely with the community's needs and aspirations.

LOC is diligently working towards presenting a draft recommendation, with a final version anticipated for consideration during the Winter Session of 2024. These efforts underscore the urgency and importance of the legislative reforms being undertaken.

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