

PROPOSED AGENDA

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

**SPECIAL MEETING
January 6, 2025
in-lieu of Monday, January 27, 2025
10:00 AM**

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

PLACE: Budget and Finance Conference Room (In Person)
Via Telecommunications:
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Window Rock, NN (AZ)

<input type="checkbox"/> Helena Nez Begay	<input type="checkbox"/> Germaine Simonson
<input type="checkbox"/> Vince R. James	<input type="checkbox"/> George Tolth
<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Andy Nez	<input type="checkbox"/> 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):

➤ December 23, 2024 -Regular Meeting

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5. RECEIVING REPORTS:

A. Report: Update

Department of Dine' Education

Presenters: Roy Tracy, Acting Superintendent of Schools, Department of Dine' Education
Dr. Shayla Yellowhair, Assistant Superintendent, Oversees OSCAD
Dr. Pauletta White, President of the Navajo Nation Board of Education

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B. Report:

Navajo Veterans Administration

- Update on Goal Accomplishments/Completions (rescheduled from Twin Arrows HEHSC work session.).
- Update on inviting the Veteran’s Housing Construction Contractors to meet with HEHSC on Monday, January 13, 2025.

Presenter(s): Bobbie Baldwin, Executive Director – NNVA
Alvira Teller, Housing Specialist Housing Officer; NNVA

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C. Report:

Navajo Department of Fish and Wildlife

- Environmental and Climate Change

Presenter: Nekai Eversole, Wildlife Biologist, Climate Change Program, NDFW
Howard Leonard, Jr., Wildlife Technician, Climate Change Program, NDFW

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D. Report:

Update on the progress of updating/revising information and proposing revision to Legislation No. 0195-24:

An Action Relating to the Law and Order Committee and the Health, Education and Human Services Committee; Approving Amendments to the Navajo Nation Child Support Guidelines and Child Support Schedule.

On Wednesday, September 4, 2024, HEHSC Tabled the legislation for 90-days. The legislation was referred to the Navajo Department of Justice and the Department of Child Support Enforcement within the Navajo Division of Human Resources to re-assess the affordability and to update relevant information to the Child Support Guidelines and Child Support Schedule and thereafter, hold a work session for the Naabik’iyáti’ Committee and subsequently conduct public hearings at each Navajo Nation Agency within the timeframe.

Presenters: Reycita Toddy, Interim Director, Division of Human Resources
Katherine Benally, Deputy Director, Division of Human Resources
Judy Platero, Program Manager, DHR/Department of Child Support Services
Brenda Anderson, Tribal Court Advocate, Navajo Department of Justice
Chris Schneider, Principal Attorney, Navajo Department of Justice

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6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Reschedule HEHSC Special Meeting for Tuesday, January 21, 2025. The surrounding State Legislative sessions are scheduled to commence the same day.

➤ **Utah State Legislative Session:**

- Legislative Session Opening Day: Tuesday, January 21, 2025, State Capitol
- “Day on the Hill” hosted by the Utah Division of Indian Affairs: Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. State Capitol Rotunda.
- The Legislative Session Ends: Friday, March 7, 2025

➤ **New Mexico State Legislative Session:**

- Legislative Session Opening Day: Tuesday, January 21, 2025, State Capitol
- New Mexico American Indian Day: Friday, February 7, 2025, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., State Capitol
- American Indian Day Reception Hosted by the New Mexico Indian Affairs Department: Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at Hotel Santa Fe, 1501 Paseo De Peralta, Santa Fe, NM (RSVP).
- Legislative Session Ends: Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

➤ **Arizona State Legislative Session:**

- Legislative Session Opening Day: Monday, January 13, 2025, State Capitol
- 30th Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day: “Embracing Our Past, Celebrating Our Future” – Wednesday, January 15, 2025, State Capitol; Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. on the Senate Lawn; Joint Protocol Session begins at 11:00 a.m. at the Arizona State Senate.
- There is no definitive end date for the Arizona Legislative Session.

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7. OLD BUSINESS: *None*

8. CLOSE OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING(S) / TRAVEL:

- Monday, January 13, 2025 10:00 am HEHSC Regular Meeting; Window Rock, NN (AZ)
- Tuesday, January 21, 2025 10:00 am HEHSC Special Meeting in-lieu of
Monday, January 20, 2025; Window Rock, NN (AZ)

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THIS AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE: The public is advised that the Navajo Nation Council Agenda and the Agendas of the Standing Committees are not final until adopted by a majority vote of the Navajo Nation Council or the Standing Committees at a Navajo Nation Council or a Standing Committee meeting pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§163 and 183, Navajo Nation Council Rule of Order No. 7, and Standing Rule of Order No. 8.