

AGENDA

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

REGULAR MEETING January 13, 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): *None*

5. RECEIVING REPORTS:

A. Report:

Navajo Preparatory School

Presenters: Shawna Becenti, Head of School
Kevin Belin, Director of Dine' Bizaad Institute

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B. Report:

- Displaced Veteran(s) with disconnected utilities/sanitation while awaiting promised Veterans constructed home.

Presenter: Anthony Platero, U.S. Army Veterans; Thoreau, New Mexico
Melissa Platero, Thoreau, New Mexico
Lester Emerson, Thoreau, New Mexico
Anita Benally, President, Thoreau Chapter; Thoreau, New Mexico

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C. Report:

Navajo Veterans Administration

- Report from the contracted Veterans Construction Contractors on the quality of the finished habitable family homes built for Veterans.

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

- **Navajo Tribal Utilities Authority:** Utilities to Habitable Constructed Veterans Homes

- Walter W. Haase, General Manager
- Rex P. Kontz, Deputy General Manager
- Rayne Nelson, Associate Deputy General Manager
- Srinivasa Venigalla, Deputy General Manager
- Deenise Becenti, Government and Public Affairs Manager
- Marty Ashley, Government and Public Affairs Liaison

- **The Sparrow Group**

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- **Southwest Indian Foundation (SWIF)**

Jeremy Boucher - Director of Operations
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- **Bitco Corporation**

Jeremiah Bitsui - Owner

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Albuquerque, NM 87103
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D. Report:

Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council

- Gabriella Mehl, Chairperson
 - Sherilynne Juan, Vice-Chairperson
 - Demetria Simms, Secretary
- Western Agency Veterans Organization: Gabriella Mehl – U.S. Marine Veteran; Commander NNVAC Chairwoman
- Eastern Agency Veterans Organization: Sherilynne Juan, Female Agency Commander
- Central Agency Veterans Organization:
- Northern Agency Veterans Organization: Demetria Simms, Female Agency Commander
Lloyd Begay, Shiprock Veterans Organization
- Ft. Defiance Agency Veterans Organization: Toni Mina, NNVAC Representative (women)

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E. Report:

Criminal Background Checks for Local School Board Members

Resolution: HEHSCD-11-22: An Action Relating to Health Education and Human Services Committee; Approving and Adopting the Navajo Nation's Policy for Mandatory Criminal Background Checks for Local School Board Members.

Presenters: Roy Tracy, Interim Superintendent of Schools; DODE
Jordan Etcitty, Executive Director, DBOSBA
Veronica Curley, Interim Executive Director, Navajo Election Administration
Navajo Board of Election Supervisors (Officers need to be selected)
Reycita Toddy, Interim Division Director, DHR
Nikita Kirk, Program Manager, NN Office of Background Investigations

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6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Reschedule HEHSC Regular Meeting scheduled on Monday, February 17, 2025 that falls on the observance of President's Day.

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7. OLD BUSINESS: *None*

8. CLOSE OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT; NEXT MEETINGS:

➤ Friday, January 17, 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.