

# AGENDA

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

### SPECIAL MEETING February 24, 2025 8:00 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)

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#### 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):

- February 10, 2025 - Regular Meeting (*E-mailed on February 21, 2025.*)

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#### 5. RECEIVING REPORTS:

##### A. Report:

- Request for a written analysis, recommendations in answering the U.S. Department of Education – Office for Civil Rights Memorandum.
- Requesting a prepared formal written response by February 26, 2025 for Speaker of the 25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council and the Chair of Health, Education and Human Services Standing Committee of the 25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council to send to the U.S. Department of Education – Office for Civil Rights.

**Presenters:**

- Roy Tracy, Acting Superintendent of Schools; Department of Diné Education
- Dr. Elmer Guy, President; Navajo Technical University
- Bernice “Bo” Lewis, Acting President; Dine’ College
- Shawna Becenti, Head of School; Navajo Preparatory School
- Emily K. Arviso, Associate Deputy Director – Navajo; U.S. Department of the Interior – Bureau of Indian Education
- Heather Clah, Acting Attorney General; Navajo Nation Department of Justice
- Kris O. Beecher, Acting Deputy Attorney General; Navajo Nation Department of Justice
- Chris Schneider, Principal Attorney; Navajo Nation Department of Justice
- Brenda Anderson, Trial Court Advocate; Navajo Nation Department of Justice

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**B. Report:**

Navajo Head Start

- Layoff Notices
- Supporting Documentation

**Presenters:** Roy Tracy, Acting Superintendent of Schools; Department of Dine’ Education  
Dr. Florinda Jackson, Assistant Superintendent; Navajo Head Start; DODE

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**C. Report:**

Navajo Department of Health

- Update

**Presenters:** Sherylene Yazzie, Interim Executive Director; Navajo Department of Health

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**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A.** DHR and DPM have requested to reschedule the February 26, 2025 HEHSC work session to review amendments to the Personnel Policies Manual. Requesting HEHSC for a consecutive 2-Day work session.

Note: DHR and DPM have to attend a financial software training at Twin Arrows on February 26, 2025.

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**7. OLD BUSINESS:** *None*

**8. CLOSE OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT  
NEXT MEETING(S) / TRAVEL:**

- Monday, February 24, 2025                    10:00 am                    Naabik'iyati Special Budget Meeting; Navajo Nation Council Chambers
- *Requested to be postponed:*  
Wednesday, February 26, 2025                    9:00 am                    HEHSC Work Session w/ DHR and DPM on amendments on the PPM; B&MH -NDOH Conference Room, Quality Inn Bldg.; WR, NN (AZ)
- Friday, February 28, 2025                    9:00 am                    HEHSC Work Session w/ DODE; DBOSBA and Elections office; NN Council Chambers; WR, NN (AZ)
- March 10 – 14, 2025                    TIBC Meeting in Washington, DC.
- Tuesday, March 18, 2025                    9:00 am                    HEHSC Work Session: *Improving the Education System on NN*; DODE; DBOSBA; and BIE. At the UNM-G conference center.

***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.*