

**NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE OF THE  
24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

**REGULAR MEETING  
(VIA TELECOMMUNICATION)**

Call-in Number: (669) 900-6833  
Meeting ID: 928 871 7160  
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**Window Rock, Navajo Nation (AZ)**

**Thursday, February 25, 2021 – 10:00 AM**

**APPROVED AGENDA**

***PRESIDING CHAIR: Honorable Seth Damon, Speaker, 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council***

Hon. Seth Damon, Speaker				
BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE	RESOURCES & DEVELOPMENT COM.	HEALTH, EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES COM.	LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE	
Hon. Elmer P. Begay	Hon. Kee Allen Begay, Jr.	Hon. Paul Begay	Hon. Eugenia Charles-Newton (C)	
Hon. Nathaniel Brown	Hon. Herman M. Daniels, Jr.	Hon. Pernel Halona	Hon. Vince R. James	
Hon. Amber Kanazbah Crotty	Hon. Mark A. Freeland	Hon. Carl Roessel Slater (VC)	Hon. Eugene Tso	
Hon. Jamie Henio (C)	Hon. Rickie Nez (C)	Hon. Charlaine Tso	Hon. Otto Tso (VC)	
Hon. Raymond Smith, Jr. (VC)	Hon. Wilson C. Stewart, Jr.	Hon. Daniel E. Tso (C)	Hon. Edmund Yazzie	
Hon. Jimmy Yellowhair	Hon. Thomas Walker, Jr. (VC)	Hon. Edison J. Wauneka		(C) Chair & (VC) Vice Chair

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; INVOCATION**

**2. RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS (2 Minute Limit per Delegate)**

**3. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE AGENDA**

(m) Hon. Kee Allen Begay, Jr.      (s) Hon. Pernel Halona      (v) 20 – 0 (cnv)

**4. REVIEW AND ADOPT THE JOURNALS: None**

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**5. RECEIVE REPORTS:**

A. Update Report by the Department of Diné Education, Patricia Gonnig, Interim Superintendent of Schools, on the wellbeing of Navajo Children and Families as it relates to education.

(m)      (s)      (v)

B. Update Report by the Department of Health, Dr. Jill Jim, Division Director on the status of Local and Surrounding Nursing Homes during this COVID-19 Pandemic and an update report by Division of Social Services Director Deanna Neswood-Gishey on the Nursing Home Placement of Navajo Elders.

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## 6. OLD BUSINESS:

A. **LEGISLATION 0006-21:** An Action Relating to Budget and Finance Committee, Naabik'iyáti' Committee, and Navajo Nation Council; Amending Council Resolution CN-88-20, the Navajo Nation Fiscal Year 2021 Comprehensive Budget

**SPONSOR: Honorable Seth Damon**

**CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Carl R. Slater**

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02/12/2021 – Motion to Refer Legislation 0006-21 Back to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee for Further Discussion; (M) Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.; (S) Honorable Pernell Halona; (V) 23 in Favor, 00 Opposed (Speaker Pro Tem Henio Not Voting)

B. **LEGISLATION 0014-21:** An Action Relating to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Supporting New Mexico Congresswoman Deb Haaland to be Appointed as Secretary of the Interior, U.S. Department of Interior, Under the President Joe R. Biden Administration

**SPONSOR: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton**

**CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Carl R. Slater**

(m) Hon. Daniel E. Tso

(s) Hon. Vince R. James

(v)

02/11/2021 – Motion to Table Legislation 0014-21, with one (1) pending amendment, to the Next Naabik'iyáti' Committee Meeting; (M) Honorable Herman M. Daniels, Jr.; (S) Honorable Pernell Halona; (V) 14 in Favor, 08 Opposed (Chairman Damon Not Voting)

## 7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. **LEGISLATION 0012-21:** An Act Relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order, Budget and Finance and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending the Charter of Diné College, 10 N.N.C. §§ 2001 - 2023

**SPONSOR: Honorable Daniel Tso**

**CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Otto Tso**

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B. **LEGISLATION 0017-21:** An Act Relating to Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and Navajo Nation Council; Approving Supplemental Funding from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance in the Amount of \$1,616,413 for the 110 Navajo Nation Chapters' Community Emergency Response Plans; Waiving 12 N.N.C. §§ 820(E), (F), and (J)

**SPONSOR: Honorable Eugene Tso**

**CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Seth Damon**

**CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Raymond Smith, Jr.**

(m) (s) (v)

- C. **LEGISLATION 0019-21:** An Action Relating to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee; Confirming the Appointment of Mr. David N. Sloan to Serve on the Navajo Housing Authority Board of Commissioners as the Registered Architect

**SPONSOR: Honorable Rickie Nez**  
**CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Seth Damon**

(m) (s) (v)

- D. **LEGISLATION 0020-21:** An Action Relating to the Resources and Development and Naabik'íyáti' Committees; Respectfully Requesting the Governor of the State of New Mexico, Michelle Lujan Grisham, to Repair and Repave/Resurface New Mexico (N.M.) State Highway 371 from Thoreau to Farmington

**SPONSOR: Honorable Edmund Yazzie**  
**CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Mark A. Freeland**

(m) (s) (v)

- E. **LEGISLATION 0011-21:** An Act Relating to Budget and Finance Committee, Law and Order Committee and Naabik'íyáti' Committee and Navajo Nation Council; Establishing the Navajo Nation Hashkééjį Nahat'á Béeso Bá Hooghan by Amending Title Twelve of the Navajo Nation Code; Directing that the Award Received Through Navajo Nation V. Department of Interior, No. 14-cv-1909 (TSC), Be Deposited in the Hashkééjį Nahat'á Béeso Bá Hooghan After Reimbursment of Litigations Costs; Directing that the Proceeds from Future Litigations Related to the Judicial Branch's P.L. 93-638 Contracts or Annual Funding Agreements Be Deposited in the Hashkééjį Nahat'á Béeso Bá Hooghan; Establishing that the Fixed Cost Litigation Account Shall Be Reimbursed for Litigation Costs

**SPONSOR: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton**

(m) (s) (v)

- F. Naabik'íyáti' Committee Work Session Regarding Family Cemeteries, Burial Plots, and Land Withdrawals. Presenters to include Navajo Nation General Land Development Department and Navajo Nation Land Department. Proposed Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(m) (s) (v)

- G. Naabik'íyáti' Committee Work Session with Navajo Housing Authority and the Navajo Veterans Administration Pertaining to the Housing Crisis and how it is being addressed. Proposed Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(m) (s) (v)

## 8. CLOSE OF MEETING; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT

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