



## APPROVED AGENDA OF THE 24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

### SPECIAL SESSION

Monday, December 19, 2022 - 1:00 PM

Navajo Nation Council Chambers  
Window Rock, Navajo Nation (AZ)

Call-in Number: (669) 900-6833

Meeting ID: 928 871 7160

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*PRESIDING: Honorable Jamie Henio, Speaker Pro Tem, 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council*

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER; ROLL CALL; INVOCATION**
2. **RECOGNIZE GUESTS AND VISITING OFFICIALS TO THE NAVAJO NATION**
3. **REVIEW AND ADOPT THE AGENDA**

(m) Hon. Edison J. Wauneka                      (s) Hon. Eugenia Charles-Newton                      (v) 21-0 (snv)

4. **REPORTS: NONE**

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. **LEGISLATION 0110-22:** An Act Relating to the Budget and Finance, Resources and Development, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Allocating \$5,000,000 from the Síhasin Fund for the Assessment and Remediation of the Former Navajo Forest Products Industry Location in Navajo, NM; Approving the Related Expenditure Plan Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 2501 - § 2508 **(2/3)**

***SPONSOR: Honorable Wilson C. Stewart, Jr.***

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

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

(m) Hon. Eugene Tso                                      (s) Hon. Paul Begay, Jr.                                      (v)

10/18/2022 – Motion to Table Legislation 0110-22 for no less than 30 days for revisions to be applied to the expenditure plan; (M) Hon. Daniel E. Tso; (S) Hon. Eugenia Charles-Newton; (V) 15 In Favor, 07 Opposed (Speaker Damon Not Voting)

- B. **LEGISLATION 0159-22:** An Act Relating to the Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and to the Navajo Nation Council; Allocating \$10,031,897 from the Síhasin Fund for the Mariano Lake Chapter Multipurpose Building Project; Approving the Related Expenditure Plan Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §2501 - §2508 **(2/3)**

***SPONSOR: Honorable Edmund Yazzie***

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

(m) Hon. Pernell Halona                                      (s) Hon. Raymond Smith, Jr.                                      (v)

10/19/2022 – Motion to Refer Legislation 0159-22 to the Naabik’iyáti’ Committee and bring back no later than 30 days for further discussion on current modifications and to allow more time for possible amendments to be drafted.; (M) Hon. Eugenia Charles-Newton; (S) Hon. Herman M. Daniels, Jr.; (V) 14 In Favor, 07 Opposed (Speaker Damon Not Voting)

11/10/2022 – Legislation 0159-22 was passed and referred back to the Navajo Nation Council; (M) Hon. Pernell Halona; (S) Hon. Jimmy Yellowhair; (V) 19 In Favor, 00 Opposed (Chairman ProTem Daniel E. Tso Not Voting)

## 6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **LEGISLATION 0075-22:** An Act Relating to the Budget and Finance, Resources and Development, Health, Education and Human Services, and Naabik’iyáti’ Committees, and to the Navajo Nation Council; Allocating \$10,000,000 from the Síhasin Fund to Establish a New Outdoor Recreation Fund for the Navajo Nation **(2/3)**

**SPONSOR: Honorable Carl R. Slater**  
**CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Amber Kanazbah Crotty**

(m) (s) (v)

- B. **LEGISLATION 0109-22:** An Act Relating to the Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik’iyáti’ Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Allocating \$18,880,105 from the Síhasin Fund to NavaMill Lumber & Logging Company for its Proposed Forest Products Business to be Constructed in Sawmill Chapter; Approving the Related Expenditure Plan Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 2501 - § 2508 **(2/3)**

**SPONSOR: Honorable Wilson C. Stewart, Jr.**

(m) (s) (v)

- C. **LEGISLATION 0176-22:** An Action Relating to the Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik’iyáti’ Committees, and to the Navajo Nation Council; Allocating \$10,159,542 from the Síhasin Fund to Replace the Ramah Navajo School Board Drinking Water System; Approving the Related Expenditure Plan **(2/3)**

**SPONSOR: Honorable Jamie Henio**

(m) (s) (v)

- D. **LEGISLATION 0182-22:** An Act Relating to the Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik’iyáti’ Committees, and to the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$970,000 from the Síhasin Fund for the Demolition and Cleanup for Four Former Business Sites Under the Chinle RBDO, and Approving the Related Expenditure Plan **(2/3)**

**SPONSOR: Honorable Carl R. Slater**  
**CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Amber Kanazbah Crotty**

(m) (s) (v)

- E. **LEGISLATION 0187-22:** An Act Relating to the Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik’iyáti’ Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$783,500 from the Síhasin Fund for the San Juan River Dineh Water Users, Inc. to Complete the Shiprock Lateral Water Conversion – Phase I Salinity Control – Project; Approving the Related Expenditure Plan **(2/3)**

**SPONSOR: Honorable Amber Kanazbah Crotty**  
**CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton**

(m) (s) (v)

- F. **LEGISLATION 0192-22:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development and Naabik’iyáti’ Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity Allowing the Navajo Nation to be Sued in Federal District Court Regarding Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act in Carrying Out Grants from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and Authorizing the President of the Navajo Nation or the Executive Director of the Navajo Nation Division of Community Development to Sign HUD Form 7015.15 Through September 30, 2027 **(2/3)**

**SPONSOR: Honorable Mark A. Freeland**  
**CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Otto Tso**

(m) (s) (v)

G. **LEGISLATION 0198-22:** An Act Relating to the Resources and Development, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and to the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$3,468,000 from the Síhasin Fund for a Multipurpose Building at the Aneth Chapter and Approving the Related Expenditure Plan (2/3)  
**SPONSOR: Honorable Charlainé Tso**

(m) (s) (v)

H. **LEGISLATION 0186-22:** An Act Relating to Law and Order, Resources and Development, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and Navajo Nation Council; Asserting Sovereignty and Taking Over Primary Regulatory Authority from the Federal Government, Office of Surface Mining and Reclamation Enforcement, Over All Coal Mining Lands Located on the Navajo Nation; Enacting a Waiver of Sovereign Immunity; and Establishing New Sections in Title 18 at 18 N.N.C. §§ 1701 et seq. (2/3)  
**SPONSOR: Honorable Wilson C. Stewart, Jr.**  
**CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Pernell Halona**  
**CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Daniel E. Tso**

(m) (s) (v)

I. **LEGISLATION 0023-22:** An Act Relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending Certain Sections of the Navajo Nation Code to Transfer Legislative Oversight Over Veteran Services to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee (2/3)  
**SPONSOR: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton**

(m) (s) (v)

J. **LEGISLATION 0130-19:** An Action Relating to the Law and Order, Budget and Finance, Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and Navajo Nation Council; Approving and adopting the Síhasin Dilkon Justice Center Fund Expenditure Plan pursuant 12 N.N.C. §§2501-2508 (2/3)  
**SPONSOR: Honorable Elmer P. Begay**  
**CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Thomas Walker, Jr.**

(m) (s) (v)

K. **LEGISLATION 0040-22:** An Act Relating to Resources and Development, Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Establishing the San Juan River Mitigation Fund; Directing that Monies Received from In Re: Gold King Mine Release In San Juan County, Colorado, on August 5, 2015, NO. 1:18-md-02824 (D.N.M.) and Underlying and Related Actions Be Deposited in the San Juan River Mitigation Fund After Reimbursement of Litigation Costs  
**SPONSOR: Honorable Rickie Nez**  
**CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Seth Damon**

(m) (s) (v)

L. **LEGISLATION 0108-22:** An Act Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Repealing 9 N.N.C. § 2(C) of the Diné Marriage Act of 2005, to Equally Recognize all Marriages within the Navajo Nation; and Amending Other Provisions in Title 9 Related to Marriage within the Navajo Nation  
**SPONSOR: Honorable Eugene Tso**  
**CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Nathaniel Brown**

(m) (s) (v)

M. **LEGISLATION 0157-22:** An Action Relating to Law and Order, Health Education and Human Services, Resources and Development, Budget and Finance and Naabik'iyáti' Committee and Navajo Nation Council; Amending CAP-35-18, Síhasin Fund Powerline and Chapter Projects Expenditure Plan, to Extend Project Completion Deadlines for an Additional Twenty-Four Months  
**SPONSOR: Honorable Raymond Smith, Jr.**

**CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Pernell Halona**  
**CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Wilson C. Stewart, Jr.**

(m) (s) (v)

- N. **LEGISLATION 0188-22:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and Navajo Nation Council; Confirming Michele T. Jones as the Navajo Gaming Regulatory Office Executive Director

**SPONSOR: Honorable Nathaniel Brown**  
**CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Pernell Halona**

(m) (s) (v)

- O. **LEGISLATION 0190-22:** An Act Relating to the Budget and Finance, Resources and Development, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving \$200,000 from the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance ("UUFB") for the Sawmill Chapter Renovation Project

**SPONSOR: Honorable Wilson C. Stewart, Jr.**

(m) (s) (v)

- P. **LEGISLATION 0201-22:** An Act Relating to Law and Order, Resources and Development, Health, Education and Human Services, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending Navajo Nation Code 13 N.N.C. §§ 1901, 1902, 1903, 1905, 1906, 1951, 1952, and 1953

**SPONSOR: Honorable Rickie Nez**  
**CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Wilson C. Stewart, Jr.**

(m) (s) (v)

- Q. **LEGISLATION 0223-22:** An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving the Reinstatement of Halle A. Lizer as a Member of the Navajo Nation

**SPONSOR: Honorable Edison J. Wauneka**

(m) (s) (v)

- R. **LEGISLATION 0224-22:** An Act Relating to the Law and Order and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending the Navajo Nation Criminal Code at 17 N.N.C. § 320 by Recognizing Concealed Weapon Carry Permits Issued by States

**SPONSOR: Honorable Edmund Yazzie**  
**CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Carl R. Slater**  
**CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Eugene Tso**

(m) (s) (v)

- S. **LEGISLATION 0228-22:** An Action Relating to the Resources and Development Committee, Naabik'iyáti' Committee and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving the Oil and Gas Operating Agreement Between the Navajo Nation and EOG Resources, Inc., for Certain Trust Lands in the Upper Fruitland Chapter and the Nenahnezad Chapter, Navajo Nation (San Juan County, New Mexico)

**SPONSOR: Honorable Rickie Nez**  
**CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Elmer P. Begay**

(m) (s) (v)

- T. **LEGISLATION 0193-22:** An Act Relating to Law and Order, Budget and Finance, and Naabik'iyáti' Committees, and Navajo Nation Council; Amending 12 N.N.C. § 820(N) to Change the Lapse of Certain Appropriations

**SPONSOR: Honorable Otto Tso**  
**CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton**

(m) (s) (v)

- U. **LEGISLATION 0227-22:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development; Naabik'iyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Adopting the Latest International Building Code (ICC'S 2021 International Building Code) as Applicable to Commercial and Government Buildings Constructed by the Navajo Nation Government and its Entities and Political Subdivisions

***SPONSOR: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton***

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## **7. CLOSE OF SESSION; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT**

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