



23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

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Navajo Nation Council confirms standing committees

Standing Committees of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council				
	Budget and Finance Committee	Health, Education, and Human Services Committee	Resources and Development Committee	Law and Order Committee
Chair	Jonathan Nez (Western)	Jonathan Hale (Ft. Defiance)	Alton Joe Shepherd (Ft. Defiance)	Edmund Yazzie (Eastern)
Vice Chair	Dwight Witherspoon (Central)	Norman M. Begay (Eastern)	Benjamin Bennett (Ft. Defiance)	Raymond Smith, Jr. (Ft. Defiance)
Member	Tom Chee (Northern)	Amber Kanazbah Crotty (Northern)	Davis Filfred (Northern)	Kee Allen Begay, Jr. (Central)
Member	Mel R. Begay (Ft. Defiance)	Nelson S. BeGaye (Central)	Leonard H. Pete (Central)	Otto Tso (Western)
Member	Seth Damon (Eastern)	Nathaniel Brown (Western)	Leonard Tsosie (Eastern)	Jonathan Perry (Eastern)
Member	Lee Jack, Jr. (Ft. Defiance)	Tuchoney Slim, Jr. (Western)	Walter Phelps (Western)	

Photo: The table above displays committee membership along the agency represented by each delegate. Also displayed are the chair, vice chair, and members for each standing committee.

WINDOW ROCK—During a special session held on Tuesday, the Navajo Nation Council confirmed membership to four standing committees including the Budget and Finance Committee, Law and Order Committee, Health, Education, and Human Services Committee, and the Resources and Development Committee.

The proposed standing committee memberships were confirmed through Legislation No. 0038-15, sponsored by Speaker LoRenzo Bates (Nenahnezad, Newcomb, San Juan, Tiis Tsoh Sikaad, Tse'Daa'Kaan, Upper Fruitland).

Speaker Bates introduced the legislation in accordance with 2 N.N.C. §181 which states that the Speaker is authorized to select committee membership, which is subject to confirmation by the Navajo Nation Council.

Following the adjournment of the special council session, each of the four standing committees convened in special meetings to confirm a chair and vice chair for each committee.

In accordance with 2 N.N.C. each delegate is appointed to no more than one standing committee for a term coinciding with their term of office as a delegate. Additionally, Title II also mandates each standing committee to have one member from each of the five Navajo agencies.

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