



23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

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Navajo Nation Council to hold Winter Session at the Department of Diné Education

WINDOW ROCK – The 23rd Navajo Nation Council is scheduled to convene for the opening day of the Winter Council Session on Jan. 23, which will be held at the Department of Diné Education auditorium in Window Rock, due to the ongoing renovation of the Council Chamber.

As previously reported by Speaker LoRenzo Bates (Nenahnezad, Newcomb, San Juan, Tiis Tsoh Sikaad, Tse'Daa'Kaan, Upper Fruitland), the renovation of the Council Chamber began in December and is tentatively scheduled to conclude in April.

“On behalf of the Navajo Nation Council, we welcome all of our people to attend next week’s session or to watch the live streaming of the proceedings,” stated Speaker Bates. “We also extend our appreciation to the Department of Diné Education for their hospitality by allowing the Council to utilize their facility.”

On the opening day of the session on Monday, students with the Chinle High School JROTC will post the colors, 2016-2017 Miss Western Navajo Jackie Johnson will sing the National Anthem, students from the Fort Defiance Head Start program will lead the Pledge of Allegiance and provide a Navajo song performance, and traditional practitioner with the Navajo Nation Behavioral Health Services Rita Gilmore will provide the invocation.

The Council’s first order of business will be the selection and confirmation of a delegate to serve a two-year term as the Speaker of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council. In accordance with Title II of the Navajo Nation Code, Council members are required to select a Speaker at each Winter Council Session that occurs on any odd numbered year.

On the opening day the Council is also scheduled to receive oral reports from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Services, Office of the Controller, Office of the Attorney General, Acting Chief Justice Allen Sloan, Diné College, and Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care.

On Tuesday, the Council will begin considering 17 legislations that are listed on the proposed agenda. To view the proposed agenda, please visit navajonationcouncil.org.

In partnership with the Office of Broadcast Services, the Navajo Nation Council will live-stream the Winter Council Session on the Council’s designated Ustream channel. To view live-

proceedings during the session, please visit ustream.tv and search for 'Navajo Nation Council' in the search box.

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**PROPOSED AGENDA OF THE
23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

WINTER SESSION
January 23-27, 2017

Department of Diné Education Auditorium
Window Rock, Navajo Nation

PRESIDING: Honorable LoRenzo C. Bates, Speaker, 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) (s) (v)
4. Selection of the Speaker of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council
 - A. **LEGISLATION 0030-17:** An Action Relating to the Navajo Nation Council; Selecting and Confirming the Speaker of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council for a Two Year Term

SPONSOR: Honorable Seth Damon

(m) (s) (v)
5. RECEIVE THE STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE NAVAJO NATION

(m) (s) (v)
6. RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE SPEAKER OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

(m) (s) (v)
7. ORAL REPORTS:
 - A. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) (m) (s) (v)
 - B. Indian Health Services (IHS) (m) (s) (v)
 - C. Financial Report by the Controller (m) (s) (v)
 - D. Attorney General (m) (s) (v)
 - E. Chief Justice of the Navajo Nation (m) (s) (v)
 - F. Diné College (m) (s) (v)
 - G. Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care (m) (s) (v)

8. WRITTEN REPORTS

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| A. Standing Committees | (m) | (s) | (v) |
| B. Boards and Commission | (m) | (s) | (v) |
| C. Bureau of Indian Affairs | (m) | (s) | (v) |
| D. Indian Health Services Area Director | (m) | (s) | (v) |
| E. Navajo Tribal Utility Authority | (m) | (s) | (v) |

9. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- (A) **LEGISLATION 0371-15:** An Act Relating to Law And Order Committee, Naabik'iyáti' Committee and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. §183(F), Prohibiting the Conduct of Committee and Commission Meetings While the Navajo Nation Council is in Session or While the Naabik'iyáti' Committee is Meeting; Further, Prohibiting Payment of Stipend or Reimbursement for Attendance at Chapter Meetings, Including Planning Meetings, During Navajo Nation Council Sessions or During Naabik'iyati' Committee Meetings **(2/3 VOTE)**

SPONSOR: Honorable Amber K. Crotty

(m) (s) (v)

- (B) **LEGISLATION 0339-16:** An Action Relating To Resources and Development, Budget and Finance and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and Navajo Nation Council; Amending Navajo Nation Council Resolution CJA-12-16 and the Síhasin Fund Bulk Water & Wastewater Development Expenditure Plan and the Síhasin Fund SDS Project Expenditure Plan to Include Wide Ruins Water Line Extension (Phase II) **(2/3 VOTE)**

SPONSOR: Honorable Raymond Smith, Jr.

(m) (s) (v)

- (C) **LEGISLATION 0340-16:** An Action Relating To Law And Order; Resources And Development; Budget And Finance; Health, Education And Human Services, Naabik'iyáti' Committee; and the Navajo Nation Council; 2 N.N.C. § 182, Term of Office **(2/3 VOTE)**

SPONSOR: Honorable Raymond Smith, Jr.

CO-SPONSOR: Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.

(m) (s) (v)

- (D) **LEGISLATION 0355-16:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development, Budget and Finance and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and Navajo Nation Council; Adopting the Síhasin Fund Twin Arrows/Glittering Mountain Family Entertainment Center Economic Development Expenditure Plan Pursuant to Resolution CD-68-14 and 12 N.N.C. §§ 2501-2508 **(2/3 VOTE)**

SPONSOR: Honorable Jonathan L. Hale

(m) (s) (v)

(E) **LEGISLATION 0394-16:** An Act Relating to Law and Order, Naabik'íyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. § 601 (C) **(2/3 VOTE)**

SPONSOR: Honorable Raymond Smith, Jr.

(m) (s) (v)

(F) **LEGISLATION 0344-16:** An Action Relating To Law and Order Committee, Resources and Development Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, Naabik'íyáti' Committee, and Navajo Nation Council; Amending Title 12 at 12 N.N.C. §§ 2001-2070 the Capital Outlay Match Funding Special Revenue Fund

SPONSOR: Honorable Otto Tso

(m) (s) (v)

(G) **LEGISLATION 0345-16:** An Action Relating to Law and Order, Health, Education and Human Services, Resources and Development, Naabik'íyáti' Committees, and the Navajo Nation Council; Requesting Support from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Office of Navajo-Hopi Relocation, the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency, the State of Arizona, and Apache County, Arizona for Assistance in Addressing Uranium Contamination in the Water Supply Near Sanders, Arizona

SPONSOR: Honorable Raymond Smith, Jr.

CO- SPONSOR: Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.

(m) (s) (v)

(H) **LEGISLATION 0348-16:** An Action Relating To Resources And Development, Budget And Finance, and Naabik'íyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Rescinding Resolution CJN-23-13, Exempting the Navajo Nation Oil And Gas Company from the Navajo Nation Fuel Excise Taxes

SPONSOR: Honorable Dwight Witherspoon

(m) (s) (v)

(I) **LEGISLATION 0361-16:** An Action Relating To Resources and Development; Naabik'íyáti' Committee and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending CAP-26-16 by Exempting Range Units 110, 601, 602, 603, 301, and 310 from the Determination of Navajo Partitioned Lands Range Unit Boundaries and Grazing Districts; Amending IGRJN-110-10 by Exempting Range Units 110, 601, 602, 603, 301, and 310 from Eligibility Criteria for Issuance of New Navajo Partitioned Land Grazing Permits; Authorizing Kayenta Chapter and Chilchinbeto Chapter Officials to Discuss with Land Users, Permittees, and Residents of Range Units 110, 601, 602, 603, 301, and 310 the Boundaries and Grazing Permits Eligibility Criteria for these Range Units; and, Directing that the Kayenta Chapter and Chilchinbeto Chapter Officials provide a Report to the Navajo Nation Council on these Matters

SPONSOR: Honorable Herman M. Daniels

(m) (s) (v)

(J) **LEGISLATION 0388-16:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development, Law and Order, Naabik'íyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. § 3454 (A), Navajo Telecommunications Regulatory Commission membership of the Commission

SPONSOR: Honorable Walter Phelps

(m) (s) (v)

(K) **LEGISLATION 0400-16:** An Action Relating to Naabik'iyáti' and Navajo Nation Council; Confirming the Nomination of Mr. Philmer Bluehouse to Commission on Navajo Government Development

SPONSOR: Honorable Jonathan L. Hale

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(v)

(L) **LEGISLATION 0402-16:** An Act Relating to Law and Order, Resources and Development and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council, Approving the Navajo Housing Authority Reform Act by Approving Amendments to 6 N.N.C. 605, 606, and 618

SPONSOR: Honorable Alton Joe Shepherd

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(v)

(M) **LEGISLATION 0403-16:** An Action Relating to Resources and Development and Naabik'iyáti' Committees and Navajo Nation Council; Amending Resolution CJA-03-14 Extending the Time for a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity to Allow the Navajo Nation to be Sued in Federal District Court for Compliance with the National Environmental Protection Act to Carry Out the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Grants and Authorizing the President of the Navajo Nation to be the Certifying Tribal Official to Execute Form 7015.15 through September 30, 2021

SPONSOR: Honorable Davis Filfred

CO- SPONSOR: Honorable Benjamin Bennett

(m)

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(N) **LEGISLATION 0408-16:** An Action Relating to Law and Order, Naabik'iyáti' Committees and Navajo Nation Council; Appointing Mr. Rodgerick T. Begay as the Navajo Nation Deputy Attorney General

SPONSOR: Honorable Edmund Yazzie

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(O) **LEGISLATION 0430-16:** An Action Relating to Naabik'iyáti' Committee; Amending NABIAU-52-15, the Plan of Operation For the Dine Uranium Remediation Advisory Commission

SPONSOR: Honorable Amber K. Crotty

CO- SPONSOR: Honorable Jonathan L. Hale

CO- SPONSOR: Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.

CO- SPONSOR: Honorable Jonathan Perry

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(P) **LEGISLATION 0006-17:** An Action Relating to Navajo Nation Council; Confirming The Permanent Appointment Of The Honorable Cynthia Thompson As Navajo Nation District Court Judge

SPONSOR: Honorable Kee Allen Begay, Jr.

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(v)

(Q) **LEGISLATION 0024-17:** An Action Relating to the Navajo Nation Council; Confirming the Appointment of Herbert Clah, Jr. to the Navajo Nation Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors for a Four Year Term

SPONSOR: Honorable Tom T. Chee

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11. CLOSE OF SESSION; ANNOUNCEMENTS; ADJOURNMENT

THIS AGENDA IS 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 Committee 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 Committee Rule of Order No. 8.