

Revised: November 7, 2025

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
SIXTH MEETING
of the
INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**November 13-14, 2025
State Capitol, Room 317
Santa Fe**

Thursday, November 13

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Senator Shannon D. Pinto, Chair, Indian Affairs Committee
- 9:05 a.m. (1) **Overview of the Federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act**
—Debra Garcia y Griego, Secretary, Cultural Affairs Department (CAD)
—Danyelle Means, Director, Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, CAD
- 10:00 a.m. (2) **Historical Trauma and Involuntary Sterilization**
—Elena Giacci, Trainer and Advocate, Office of Family Representation and Advocacy
—TBD
- 11:00 a.m. (3) **Update from the Office of the State Engineer (OSE) on Indian Water Rights Settlements**
—Nat Chakeres, General Counsel, OSE
—Tanya Trujillo, Deputy State Engineer, OSE
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. (4) **Navajo Nation Division of Community Development Perspective on Capital Outlay**
—Sharilene Jeff, Senior Program Project Specialist, Division of Community Development, Navajo Nation
- 2:00 p.m. (5) **Update and Request from the Fort Sill Apache Tribe**
—Joel Davis, Attorney, JD Law
—Jennifer Heminokeky, Board Chair, Fort Sill Apache Tribe
—James Buckner, Treasurer, Fort Sill Apache Tribe
—Naomi Hartford, Member, Business Committee, and Cultural Coordinator, Fort Sill Apache Tribe

3:00 p.m. (6) **Overview of the Haak'u Health Center**
—Kurt Riley, Chairman, Health Board, Pueblo of Acoma

4:00 p.m. **Public Comment***

4:15 p.m. **Recess**

Friday, November 14

9:30 a.m. **Reconvene**

9:35 a.m. (7) **Higher Education Department: Federal Funding Impacts on Tribal Education**
—Stephanie Rodriguez, Secretary, Higher Education Department (HED)
—Gerald Hoehne, Chief of Staff, HED

10:35 a.m. (8) **Navajo Nation Department of Justice Perspective on Capital Outlay**
—Katherine Belzowski, Assistant Attorney General, Navajo Nation
Department of Justice

11:35 a.m. (9) **Consideration of Legislation for Endorsement**
—TBD

12:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

*Members of the public may make virtual public comments during the public comment period of the meeting by following the instructions under the "Additional Information" section of the Indian Affairs Committee [web page](#).