

Revised: July 14, 2025

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

**July 16, 2025
Tohatchi Chapter House
PO Box 287
Tohatchi**

**July 17-18, 2025
Pinedale Chapter House
Milepost 5 Navajo Service Route 11
Church Rock**

Wednesday, July 16 — Tohatchi Chapter House

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Senator Shannon D. Pinto, Chair, Indian Affairs Committee
- 9:15 a.m. (1) **Welcome and Status Update from Tohatchi**
—Elvis Bitsilly, President, Tohatchi Chapter
—Lee Rodgers, Vice President, Tohatchi Chapter
- 10:00 a.m. **Public Comment***
- 11:00 a.m. **Tohatchi Tour****
- 12:00 noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. (2) **Alcohol Harms Alleviation Coalition**
—Representative Micaela Lara Cadena
—Senator Antoinette Sedillo Lopez
- 2:00 p.m. (3) **Update from Navajo Technical University (NTU) Nursing Program**
—Casmir Agbaraji, Ph.D., Dean of Undergraduate Studies, NTU
—Cristina Carpenter, Ph.D., Nursing Director, NTU
—Michelle Kahn-John, Ph.D., Nursing Consultant, NTU
- 3:00 p.m. (4) **Update from Diné College (DC)**
—Glennita Haskey, Acting President, DC
—Leon Jackson, Director, Capital Projects, DC
—Francetta Begaye, Director, Dual Credit Program, DC
—Kimberly Dominguez, Director, Teacher Education Project, DC

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

4:30 p.m. **Recess**

Thursday, July 17 — Pinedale Chapter House

9:00 a.m. **Reconvene**

9:15 a.m. (5) **Welcome and Status Update from Pinedale Chapter (PC)**

—Sarah Jackson, President, PC
—Sylvia Morgan, Vice President, PC
—Clara Daye, Secretary/Treasurer, PC
—Titus Nez, Community Services Coordinator, PC

10:00 a.m. (6) **New Mexico Redistricting Task Force**

—Leonard Gorman, Executive Director, Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission

11:00 a.m. (7) **Six Directions Indigenous School**

—Rebecca Niiha, Head Administrator, Six Directions Indigenous School

11:45 a.m. **Public Comment***

12:00 noon **Lunch**

1:00 p.m. (8) **The Yazzie/Martinez v. State of New Mexico Lawsuit**

—Wilhelmina Yazzie, Plaintiff
—Melissa Candelaria, Education Director, New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty

2:00 p.m. (9) **Update on the Navajo/Gallup Water Supply Project: Bureau of Reclamation**

—Bart Deming, Acting Area Manager, Western Colorado Area Office, United States Bureau of Reclamation

3:00 p.m. (10) **Update on the Navajo/Gallup Water Supply Project: City of Gallup**

—Louis Bonaguidi, Mayor, City of Gallup
—Frank Chiapetti, City Manager, City of Gallup

4:00 p.m. (11) **Human Trafficking in the Transit Industry**

—Bernadine Beyale, Executive Director, 4Corners K-9 Search and Rescue
—Louie Greek, Training Specialist, Truckers Against Trafficking

4:30 p.m. **Public Comment***

4:45 p.m. **Recess**

Friday, July 18 — Pinedale Chapter House

10:00 a.m. **Reconvene**

10:15 a.m. (12) **Update on *Yazzie/Martinez v. State of New Mexico***
 —TBD, Public Education Department (invited)

11:30 a.m. **Public Comment***

12:00 noon **Lunch**

1:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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