

Revised: August 11, 2026

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

**August 10, 2026
Diné College Shiprock South Campus
Classrooms 36 and 37, Math and Science Building
1316 College Drive
Shiprock**

**August 11-12, 2026
Wild Horse Casino and Hotel
13603 United States Highway 54
Dulce**

Monday, August 10 — Diné College

- 9:30 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
 —Senator Shannon D. Pinto, Chair
- 9:35 a.m. (1) **Welcome to Diné College**
 —Harley Interpreter, Project and Legislative Specialist, Office of
 Legislative Affairs and Special Projects, Diné College
- 10:00 a.m. (2) **Northern Navajo and Eastern Navajo Agencies (invited)**
 —TBD
- 11:00 a.m. (3) **Update from the Navajo Nation Shiprock Chapter**
 —Debra Yazzie, Vice President, Shiprock Chapter, Navajo Nation
- 11:45 a.m. **Lunch**
- 12:45 p.m. **Public Comment***
- 1:00 p.m. (4) **Update from Dream Diné Charter School**
 —Nadine Chatto, Head Administrator, Dream Diné Charter School
- 1:45 p.m. (5) **Indigenous Geothermal Development and Geothermal Program Update**
 —Rebecca "Puck" Stair, Director, Energy Conservation and Management
 Division, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

- 2:30 p.m. (6) [Committee Discussion: Capital Outlay and the Navajo Nation](#)
—Representative Michelle Paulene Abeyta
—TBD, Office of the President and Vice President, Navajo Nation
—Amber Crotty, Delegate, Navajo Nation Council
—Denise R. E. Copeland, Principal Archaeologist, Capital Projects
Management Department, Division of Community Development,
Navajo Nation
—Scott Wright, Deputy Director, Infrastructure Planning and Development
Division, Department of Finance and Administration
—Sheila Keleher, Capital Outlay Programs Coordinator, Legislative
Council Service

4:00 p.m. **Recess**

Tuesday, August 11 — Wild Horse Casino and Hotel

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

- 9:35 a.m. (7) [Welcome and Update from the Jicarilla Apache Nation](#)
—TBD

- 10:30 a.m. (8) [Update from the Jicarilla Apache Nation Power Authority](#)
—Charlie Ferrell, General Manager, Jicarilla Apache Nation Power
Authority

11:30 a.m. **Lunch**

12:30 p.m. **Public Comment***

- 1:00 p.m. (9) [Update from Navajo Preparatory School and the Code Talkers
Museum](#)
—Shawna Becenti, Head of School, Navajo Preparatory School
—Josett D. Monette, Secretary, Indian Affairs Department

2:30 p.m. **Tour of Jicarilla Apache Nation Facilities****

Wednesday, August 12 — Wild Horse Casino and Hotel

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

- 9:35 a.m. (10) [Overview of Behavioral Health Investments \(Senate Bill 3 \(2026\)
Initiatives\)](#)
—Stacey Boone, State Behavioral Health Manager, Administrative Office
of the Courts (AOC)
—Pamela Trujillo, Program Manager, AOC

10:35 a.m. (11) **Geothermal Energy Opportunities on Tribal Lands**
—Tom Solomon, New Mexico Geothermal Working Group
—Shari Kelley, Ph.D., Lead Research Scientist, Bureau of Geology and
Mineral Resources, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
—Darien Cabral, Pueblo of San Ildefonso
—Jeff Atencio, Rainstorm Consulting

11:35 a.m. **Public Comment***

12:00 noon **Adjourn**

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