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NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE NAVAJO NATION BOARD OF EDUCATION Thursday, October 2, 2025, at 9:00 AM

Via In-Person and Teleconference
[Zoom Link](#)

PRESIDING: Nadine Chatto, President | Freda Nells, Vice President | Andrea Thomas, Secretary
PLACE: Office of Diné Youth - Shiprock, Shiprock, New Mexico 87420

The Department of Diné Education is encouraging members of the public to view and access the Governing Board meeting at the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/9288717474?pwd=5AmrXHsbrYAuvpog5KRXDuleE18xHy.1&omn=96822705290>

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The Navajo Nation Board of Education has the right to call an executive session, if necessary, to discuss personnel, legal and confidential matters.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

2. ROLL CALL:

___ Dr. Pauletta White

___ Sharon Toadecheenie

___ Nadine M. Chatto

___ Andrea K. Thomas

___ Freda K. Nells

___ Spencer W. Willie

___ Dr. Henry Fowler

___ Joan A. Gray

___ Emerson John

3. INVOCATION:

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES OR LESS): *(Requires a Public Comment Form)*

6. REPORTS/DISCUSSION ON ACTION ITEMS: (15 MINUTES OR LESS): *(Documents Provided in Hyperlinks)*

A. [Approval/Disapproval: Minutes](#) - NNBOE Regular Board Meeting – September 4, 2025

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NAVAJO NATION BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Members: Dr. Henry Fowler · Joan A. Gray · Emerson John

Spencer W. Willie · Sharon A Toadecheenie · Dr. Pauletta White

Claudia Edgewater-Russell, **(A) Superintendent of Schools**

- B. **Approval/Disapproval:** Relating to Education and Research; Approving and Accepting the National Science Foundation (NSF) Proposal and Research Study: *“Design and Implementation of a Culturally-Responsive Approach to K-12 Engineering Education Grant”* That Was Written by Arizona State University and Office of Diné School Improvement (ODSI) Staff Which Was Awarded Fall 2025

✚ [Research Summary](#)

✚ [Original Proposal](#) (submitted to NSF in October 2024)

✚ [Revised Proposal](#) (resubmitted to NSF in July 2025)

- C. **Approval/Disapproval:** Extension Request - Approving an Extension of the Reauthorization of the Wide Ruins Community School, Inc. (One Month to Sept. 4, 2025) (Incomplete) **(Note: End Date - Oct. 2, 2025)**

[2024 Audit](#)

[2023 Audit](#)

[Academic Data](#)

[Current Resolution](#) (NNBEMY-994-2024)

- D. **Approval/Disapproval:** [Extension Request](#); Approving an Extension of the Reauthorization of the Na'Neelzhiin Ji Olta Inc. (Three Months, ending Oct. 3, 2025) (Incomplete) * **Consent**

2024 Audit **(Late/Not Submitted)**

2023 Audit **(Late/Not Submitted)**

[Academic Data](#)

✚ May 24, 2024 [Level I Sanctions Letter](#) – Notice of Change in Payment

✚ April 9, 2025 [Level II Sanctions Letter](#) – Notice of Change in Payment

✚ [May 28, 2025 Extension Request Memo \(ODAC\)](#) **(Note: End Date - Sept. 2, 2025)**

- E. **Approval/Disapproval:** [Extension Request](#); Approving an Extension of the Reauthorization of the Black Mesa Community School Inc. (Three Months, ending Oct. 3, 2025) (Incomplete)

2024 Audit **(Late/Not Submitted)**

[2023 Audit](#)

[Academic Data](#)

[Current Resolution](#) (NNBEFE-1032-2025)

✚ June 16, 2025 [Level I Sanctions Letter](#) – Notice of Change in Payment

✚ [May 28, 2025 Extension Request Memo \(ODAC\)](#) **(Note: End Date - Sept. 2, 2025)**

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION: (Legal, Personnel, Other Matters, etc.)**

A. School Concerns/Matters

B. Legal and Personnel Matters

8. **RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION; Action Item(s) Resulting from Executive Session**

A.

9. **REPORTS: (15 MINUTES OR LESS)**

A. [Cultivating Diverse Talent in STEM](#) Report (CDTIS) - Uwe Hilgert

i. [Study: Profiles of Exceptionally](#) Talented Students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM): An Exploration Using Q Factor Analysis **(18 pages)**

ii. [Study: Profiles of Exceptionally](#) Talented Students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM): An Exploration Using Q Factor Analysis **(21 pages)**

B. Superintendent Report – Claudia Edgewater-Russell

C. Navajo Head Start Assistant Superintendent's Report (Budget) – Dr. Florinda Jackson


D. Navajo Nation Board of Education Budget Report (9-30-2025)

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- + National Indian Education Association ([NIEA](#)) [56th Annual Convention & Tradeshow](#) - Spokane, WA (October 8-11, 2025)
- + National Johnson-O'Malley Association ([NJOMA](#)) [Conference](#) - Denver, CO (November 8-10, 2025)

11. NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- + November 6, 2025 (Thursday) at 9:00 a.m., NNBOE Regular Meeting (Window Rock, AZ)
- + December 4, 2025 (Thursday) at 9:00 a.m., NNBOE Regular Meeting (Window Rock, AZ)
- + January 8, 2025 (Thursday) at 9:00 a.m., NNBOE Regular Meeting (Window Rock, AZ)

12. ADJOURNMENT:**APPROVED:**

Nadine Chatto, NNBOE President