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## NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE NAVAJO NATION BOARD OF EDUCATION Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 9:00 AM

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

**PRESIDING:** Nadine Chatto, President | Freda Nells, Vice President | Andrea Thomas, Secretary  
**PLACE:** Department of Diné Education, Sunrise Conference Room, Window Rock, Arizona 86515

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=96937462819>

**Meeting ID:** 928 871 7474

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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

\_\_\_ Eugene Badonie

### 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 – October 2, 2025

#### DEPARTMENT OF DINÉ EDUCATION

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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: [Resolution](#)** - Relating to Education and Research; Support for the Collaborative to Improve Classroom Engagement and Outcomes for Native American and Rural Schools
- [✚ Research Summary](#)
  - [✚ Research Timeline](#)
- C. **Approval/Disapproval – [Resolution](#)** - Supporting for Forward Funding Of the Johnson O’Malley Program and Funding Mechanisms to the Modified to be a Part of Mandatory Spending
- D. **Approval/Disapproval - [Resolution](#)**: Supporting, Accepting, and Approving Janice Filfred as the District 1 (Shiprock District) Community Representative to the Navajo Head Start Policy Council
- E. **Approval/Disapproval - [Resolution](#)**: Supporting and Approving Navajo Head Start's School Year 2024-2025 Comprehensive Community Assessment
- [✚ Navajo Head Start \*\*2024-2025 Community Assessment\*\*](#)
- F. **Approval/Disapproval - [Resolution](#)**: Supporting and Approving the Navajo Head Start School Year 2024-2025 Annual Report
- [✚ Navajo Head Start School Year \*\*2024-2025 Annual Report\*\*](#)
- G. **Approval/Disapproval - [Resolution](#)**: Supporting and Approving the Navajo Head Start School Year 2024-2025 Self-Assessment Report
- [✚ Navajo Head Start's School Year \*\*2024-2025 Self-Assessment Report\*\*](#)
- H. **Approval/Disapproval - [Resolution](#)**: Supporting and Approving Navajo Head Start's Acceptance of the New Mexico Early Childhood Education & Care Department Grant Award for New Mexico Head Start Centers in the Amount of \$989,000.00
- [✚ \*\*Grant Award Documents\*\*](#)
  - [✚ \*\*Pre-K Detailed Budget and Documents\*\*](#)
  - [✚ \*\*Pre-K Services Grant Purchase Order\*\*](#)
- I. **Approval/Disapproval - [Resolution](#)**: Supporting and Approving the Navajo Head Start Fiscal Year 2026 Continuation Grant Application and Budget for Head Start and Early Head Start in the Amount of \$24,507,587.00 to the Office of Head Start - Office of Grants Management
- [✚ \*\*2026 Continuation Grant Application and Budget Narrative\*\*](#)
- J. **Approval/Disapproval - [Resolution](#)**: Approving the Return of Control and Authority to the Richfield Residential Hall, Inc.
- [✚ Supporting \*\*Memorandum and Recommendation\*\*](#)
- K. **Approval/Disapproval: [Extension Request](#)**; Approving an Extension of the Reauthorization of the Na'Neelzhiin Ji Olta Inc. (Three Months, ending Oct. 3, 2025) (Incomplete) **Extended to November 6, 2025)**
- [✚ ODAC \*\*Supporting Memorandum and Recommendation\*\*](#)

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**)

- L. **Approval/Disapproval:** [Extension Request](#); Approving an Extension of the Reauthorization of the Black Mesa Community School Inc. (Three Months, ending Oct. 3, 2025; **Extended to November 6, 2025**) (Incomplete)  
✚ ODAC [Supporting Memorandum and Recommendation](#)

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**)

- M. **Approval/Disapproval:** [Resolution](#) - Approving the Reauthorization of the Wide Ruins Community School, Inc. (One Month to Sept. 4, 2025) (Incomplete) (**Note: End Date - Oct. 2, 2025; Extended to November 6, 2025**)

[2024 Audit](#)      [2023 Audit](#)      [Academic Data](#)      [Current Resolution](#) (NNBEMY-994-2024)

✚ [Sept. 30, 2025 Extension Request Memo \(ODAC\)](#) (**Note: End Date - Sept. 2, 2025**) **Received after NNBOE deadline on October 1, 2025**

- N. **Approval/Disapproval:** [Resolution](#) - Relating to Health, Education, and Human Services Committee, Law and Order Committee, Naabik'iyáti' Committee and the Navajo Nation Council; Approving Amendments to Navajo Nation Code, Title 10, Chapter 1, Subchapter 2, Sections 106 and 107 Reducing the Size of the Navajo Nation Board of Education; Amending the Navajo Election Code, Title 11 to Include Removal for Missing Meetings and Non-Attendance

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

A. School Concerns/Matters

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

A.

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

B. [Superintendent Report](#) – Claudia Edgewater-Russell

C. Navajo Head Start [Assistant Superintendent's Report \(Budget\)](#)

D. Navajo Nation [Board of Education Budget Report](#) (11-1-2025)

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**11. NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

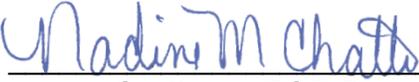
✚ December 4, 2025 (Thursday) at 9:00 a.m., NNBOE Regular Meeting (Window Rock, AZ)

✚ January 8, 2026 (Thursday) at 9:00 a.m., NNBOE Regular Meeting (Window Rock, AZ)

February 5, 2026 (Thursday) at 9:00 a.m., NNBOE Regular Meeting (Window Rock, AZ)

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

**APPROVED:**

  
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Nadine Chatto, NNBOE President