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NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE NAVAJO NATION BOARD OF EDUCATION Thursday, October 1, 2026, at 9:00 AM

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

PRESIDING: Nadine Chatto, President | Freda Nells, Vice President | Joleen M. Tapaha, Secretary
PLACE: Many Farms Community School, Board Room, 2600 Lake View Dr, Many Farms, AZ 86538

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=5AmrXHsbrYAuvpog5KRXDulcE18xHy.1&omn=99665616915>

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:

Nadine Chatto	Freda K. Nells	Sharon Toadecheenie	Eugene Badonie	Joleen Tapaha

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): (*Consent Agenda)* *(Documents Provided in Hyperlinks)*

A. **Approval/Disapproval:** [Minutes](#) – NNBOE Regular Board Meeting – **September 3, 2026***

B. **Approval/Disapproval:** [Minutes](#) – NNBOE Special Board Meeting – **September 16, 2026***

C. **[Resolution](#)** - Relating to Education; Supporting and Approving the Navajo Head Start's Annual Report, Community Needs Assessment, Self-Assessment, and Program Information Report (PIR) for School Year 2025-2026

NAVAJO NATION BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Member: Sharon A. Toadecheenie · Eugene Badonie

Dr. Shayla Yellowhair, A. Superintendent of Schools

- ✚ School Year 2025-2026 [Annual Report](#)
- ✚ School Year 2025-2026 [Community Needs Assessment](#)
- ✚ School Year 2025-2026 [Self-Assessment, and Program Information Report \(PIR\)](#)
- ✚ [Program Information Report \(PIR\)](#) – Early Head Start
- ✚ [Program Information Report \(PIR\)](#) – Head Start

- D. **[Resolution](#)** - Relating to Education; Supporting and Approving the Navajo Head Start FY2026 Application and Budget for the Cost-of-Living-Adjustment in the Amount of \$154,154.00 and Requests to Waive the Non-Federal Share of \$38,538.50.

✚ NHS [Cost-of-Living-Adjustment \(COLA\) supporting documents](#)

- E. **[Resolution](#)** - Relating to Education; Supporting, Approving, and Accepting the New Mexico Early Childhood Education & Care Department's PreK Funding in the Amount of \$989,000.00 for the FY2027 School Year

✚ New Mexico PreK [Award Letter and Agreement](#)

- F. **[Resolution](#)** – Relating to Education; Supporting and Approving the Navajo Head Start's Non-Competitive Grant Application and Budget for Head Start and Early Head Start in the Amount of \$24,661,741.00 to the Office of Head Start - Office of Grants Management

✚ Navajo Head Start [Service Site Listing](#) and [Non-Competitive Grant Application](#)

7. REPORTS: (15 MINUTES OR LESS)

- A. **Office of Diné Accountability & Compliance (ODAC) Update** – Dr. Deborah Belone
- B. **Diné Bi Olta School Board Association (DBOSBA) Report** – Jordan Etcitty
- C. **Superintendent Report** – Dr. Shayla Yellowhair, Acting Superintendent
- D. **[Navajo Head Start Report](#)** and **[NHS Budget and Expenditures](#)** – Dr. Rolanda Billy
- E. **[NNBOE Budget Report](#)**

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

- A. Office of Diné Accountability & Compliance (ODAC) Update (*tentative*)
- B. Personnel – Executive Session with BOE

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

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9. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ✚ [Agenda Request forms](#) and [Public Comments forms](#) are due on October 16, 2026, for the upcoming October NNBOE Regular Meeting.
- ✚ National Indian Education Association 57th Annual Convention, October 6-10, 2026, Buffalo, NY
- ✚ [COGNIA IMPACT Conference](#), October 26-27, 2026, Albuquerque, NM
- ✚ Navajo Nation and AZ/NM/UT General Election, November 3, 2026
- ✚ Veteran's Day, November 11, 2026
- ✚ Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2026
- ✚ Navajo Nation Family Day, November 27, 2026

10. NEXT BOARD MEETING:

- ✚ November 5, 2026 (Thursday) at 9:00 a.m., NNBOE Regular Meeting (Window Rock, AZ)
- ✚ December 3, 2026 (Thursday) at 9:00 a.m., NNBOE Regular Meeting (Window Rock, AZ)

11. ADJOURNMENT:

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Nadine M. Chatto". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N".

Nadine Chatto, NNBOE President