

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

**July 31, 2024
Navajo Technical University
Hospitality Center
Lowerpoint Road, State Highway 371
Crownpoint**

**August 1, 2024
Tooh Haltsooi Council of Naataanii Chapter House
Sheep Springs**

**August 2, 2024
University of New Mexico-Gallup
Student Services and Technology Center, Room 200
705 Gurley Avenue
Gallup**

Wednesday, July 31 — Crownpoint

- 10:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Introductions**
—Representative D. Wonda Johnson, Chair, Indian Affairs Committee
- 10:15 a.m. (1) **[Welcome and Status Update](#)**
—Elmer Guy, Ph.D., President, Navajo Technical University
- 11:15 a.m. (2) **[Navajo Division of Transportation Update](#)**
—Tom Platero, Director, Navajo Nation Division of Transportation
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:15 p.m. (3) **[Committee Discussion: State-Tribal Education Compact Schools Act, Proposed Legislation Sponsored by Senator Benny Shendo, Jr.](#)**
—Kevin Shendo, Director, Department of Education, Pueblo of Jemez
- 2:00 p.m. (4) **[Update on the Tribal Infrastructure Fund and Capital Outlay Projects](#)**
—Janelle Frederick, Deputy Secretary, Indian Affairs Department (IAD)
—Monica Cordova, Account Auditor, IAD

3:00 p.m. (5) [Update from Navajo Engineering and Construction Authority](#)
—Garrett Silversmith, General Manager, Navajo Engineering and
Construction Authority

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

4:15 p.m. **Recess**

Thursday, August 1 — Sheep Springs

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

10:15 a.m. (6) [Welcome and Status Update](#)
—Brian T. Yazzie, President, Tooh Haltsooi Council of Naataanii Chapter
(NC)
—Kevin M. Begay, Executive Manager, NC
—Roberta Roberts, Director, Tooh Haltsooi Community Center, NC

11:15 a.m. (7) [Department of Transportation \(DOT\) Update](#)
—Ricky Serna, Secretary, DOT
—Lisa Vega, P.E., District 6 Engineer, DOT
—Javier Martinez, Acting District 5 Engineer, DOT

12:15 p.m. **Lunch**

1:15 p.m. (8) [Department of Environment \(NMED\) and Uranium Mine Cleanup
Update](#)
—Danielle Gilliam, Deputy Secretary of Operations, NMED
—Miori Harms, Uranium Mine Reclamation Coordinator, NMED

2:15 p.m. (9) [Update from Tse'ii'ahi' \(Standing Rock\) Chapter House](#)
—Johnny Johnson, President, Tse'ii'ahi' Chapter

3:15 p.m. (10) [TBD](#)

4:15 p.m. **Public Comment***

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

Friday, August 2 — Gallup

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

10:15 a.m. (11) [Welcome and Status Update](#)
—Sabrina Ezzell, Ed.D., Chancellor, University of New Mexico-Gallup

11:15 a.m. (12) [Update from Shiprock Associated Schools, Inc.](#)
—Leland Becenti, Residential Manager, Shiprock Associated Schools, Inc.

12:15 p.m. **Lunch**

1:15 p.m. (13) [Navajo Preparatory School Update](#)
—Shawna Allison Becenti, Head of School, Navajo Preparatory School

2:15 p.m. **Public Comment***

2:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

*Members of the public may make virtual public comments during the public comment period of the meeting by following the instructions under the "Virtual Public Comment" section of the Indian Affairs Committee [web page](#).