

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE OF THE  
24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Third Year, 2021**

**AN ACTION**

**RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING  
TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2022  
BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

**BE IT ENACTED:**

**SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- A. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 600(A).
- B. The Law and Order Committee is the oversight committee for the Navajo Nation Office of Hearings and Appeals 2 N.N.C. § 601(C)(1).
- C. Each oversight committee shall review and make recommendations to the Budget and Finance Committee concerning the budget in accordance with the annual budget instructions. 12 N.N.C. § 840 (A).

**SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- A. The Law and Order Committee held a budget hearing and took budget testimony regarding the Navajo Nation Office of Hearings and Appeals' Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. 12 N.N.C. § 840 (A).
- B. The Law and Order Committee recommends to the Budget and Finance Committee a fiscal year budget for the Navajo Nation Office of Hearings and Appeals. 12 N.N.C. § 840 (A).

**SECTION THREE. APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND  
FINANCE COMMITTEE THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET FOR THE  
NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

- A. The Law and Order Committee hereby acknowledges the proposed Navajo Nation Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Budget for the Navajo Nation Office of Hearings and Appeals recommended by the Navajo Nation Office of the President and Vice President, as provided on the Fund Type Budget Summary, attached as **Exhibit A**.

- B. The Law and Order Committee requests that the Budget and Finance Committee and the Navajo Nation Council adopt the changes to the Budget, as set forth in the General Fund Comparative Summary, **Exhibit B**, Recommended Changes to the General Fund Budget, **Exhibit C**, Recommended Conditions of Appropriation and Legislative Concerns, **Exhibit D**, and Recommended Unmet Needs, **Exhibit E**.
- C. The Law and Order Committee authorizes the Committee Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson to meet and negotiate with the Budget and Finance Committee on these recommendations.

**SECTION FOUR. RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE CARRYOVERS FOR THE OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS**

- A. Law and Order Committee recommends the carryover of all the unexpended balances for the Navajo Office of Hearings and Appeals Business Unit #103004

**CERTIFICATION**

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Law and Order Committee of the 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 03 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 10th day of August 2021.



Honorable Otto Tso, Vice Chairperson  
Law and Order Committee

Motioned : Honorable Vince James  
Second : Honorable Eugene Tso



Fiscal Year 2022

# The Navajo Nation General Fund Comparative Summary

EXHIBIT B

<b>Branch:</b>		<b>Executive</b>	<b>Division/Office:</b>		<b>OPVP/Office of Hearings and Appeals</b>
(A) Business Unit Number	(B)  Program Title	(C) Branch Chief's Proposed FY 2022 General Fund Budget	(D) Oversight Committee's Recommended FY 2022 General Fund Budget	(E) Plus or Minus \$ Difference (Column D - Column C)	
103004	Office of Hearings and Appeals	507,033			
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>507,033</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## The Navajo Nation

## Recommended Changes to the General Fund Budget

## Executive

**Division/Office:**

**OPVP/Office fo Hearings and Appeals**

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EXHIBIT D

Recommended Conditions of Appropriations and Legislative Concerns

Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ Executive \_\_\_\_\_ Division/Office: \_\_\_\_\_ OPVP/Office of Hearings and Appeals

Business Unit Number	Program Title	Brief Narrative of Recommended Condition of Appropriation (COA) or Legislative Concern (LC)
103004	Office of Hearings and Appeals	

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**The Navajo Nation  
Recommended Unmet Needs Budgets**

EXHIBIT E

Branch:		Executive	Division/Office:		OPVP/Office of Hearings and Appeals
Business Unit Number	Program Title	Amount of Unmet Need	Explanation of Recommended UNMET NEEDS to the FY 2022 General Fund Budget		
103004	Office of Hearings and Appeals	45,416	(2001) Information Systems Technician position that includes fringe benefits and workman's comp. A position that will assist with the technical systems within OHA.		
		80,000	(4000) Purchase and get Legal Files install at OHA to have access to cases between legal staff and office to better serve the clients.		
		2,500	(4 000 ) Purc hase Lexus <del>sk</del> usas a legal research tool for the Hearing Officers to use when writing orders for cases.		
		1,000	(4000) Subscription to Zoom meetings that will allow all participants to call in for hearings for groups that are 20+ individuals.		
		10,000	(9000) Hearing room upggrade: Get partitions install that include Plexi glass for hearing tables, and receptionist area.		
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>138,916</b>			

**LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE**  
**Special Meeting**  
**August 10, 2021**

**Legislation No. 0153-21:** An Action Relating to the Law and Order Committee; Approving and Recommending to the Budget and Finance Committee the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget for the Navajo Nation Office of Hearings and Appeals – *Sponsors: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton/Honorable Eugene Tso*

**VOTE TALLY SHEET:**

**Amendment No. 1:**

Motion: Hon. Vince James

Second: Hon. Eugenia Charles-Newton

Vote: 3-0-2

Yea: Hon. Eugenia Charles Newton, Hon. Vince James, Hon. Eugene Tso

Nay: None

Not voting: Hon. Otto Tso

Excused: None

Absent: Hon. Edmund Yazzie

**Main Motion:**

Motion: Honorable Vince James

Second: Honorable Eugene Tso

Vote: 3-0-2

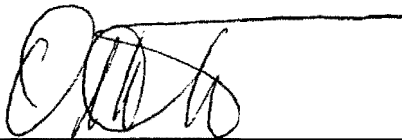
Yea: Hon. Eugenia Charles-Newton, Hon. Vince James, Hon. Eugene Tso

Nay: None

Not Voting: Hon. Otto Tso

Excused: None

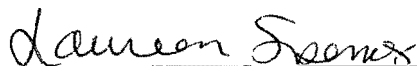
Absent: Hon. Edmund Yazzie



Otto Tso, Vice Chairperson

Law and Order Committee

24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council



Laureen Spencer, Legislative Advisor

Office of Legislative Services