

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- First Year, 2019

AN ACTION

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE,
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE,
LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE AND NAVAJO NATION
COUNCIL; AMENDING RULE 8 AND RULE 9 OF THE RULES OF ORDER FOR
STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee, among other powers, is authorized "to review and recommend resolutions relating to social services, health, environmental health, education, veterans, and veteran services, employment and labor." 2 N.N.C. §§ 400 (A), 401 (B) (6) (a).
- B. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. The Resources and Development Committee, among other powers, is authorized "to promulgate rules and regulations governing transportation, community development, local government units, land acquisitions for the Navajo Nation, environmental protection, and the use, sale, exchange and development of Navajo Nation lands and/or resources, whether held in fee or trust status." 2 N.N.C. §§ 500 (A), 501 (B) (1).
- C. The Budget and Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. The Budget and Finance Committee shall exercises oversight authority including but not limited to budget, finance, investment, bonds, contracting, insurance, audits, accounting, taxes, loans, and Chapter budget and finance. " 2 N.N.C. §§ 300 (A), 300 (C).

- D. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. The Law and Order Committee, among other powers, is authorized "to review and make recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council on proposed amendments to and enactments to the Navajo Nation Code." 2 N.N.C. §§ 600 (A), 601 (B) (14).
- E. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation standing committee. All proposed legislation that requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council, shall be assigned to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A) (9), 700 (A).
- F. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation and as such has the authority to promulgate rules, regulations and procedures for the conduct of its meetings and that of its committees. 2 N.N.C. §§ 102 (A), (E).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. Rule 8 of the Rules of Order for Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation Council, as amended, provides the "Order of Agenda Business[.]"
- B. Rule 9 of the Rules of Order for Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation Council, as amended, provides for the "Reading of Legislation[.]"
- C. In order to promote efficiency during standing committee meetings, announcement should be limited to written announcements, the recognition of guests and visiting officials should be limited to two minutes per delegate, the rules should allow for the use of a consent agenda, and the reading of legislation should include the use of electronic voice recording.
- D. Pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Order for Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation Council, amendments to the Rules "shall become effective upon adoption by the Navajo Nation Council, or at such time as may be specified by the Navajo Nation Council."

- E. The Navajo Nation hereby finds that it is appropriate to amend Rules 8 and 9 for the reasons stated herein.

SECTION THREE. AMENDING RULE 8 OF THE RULES OF ORDER FOR STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

The Navajo Nation Council hereby amends Rule 8 of the Rules of Order for Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation Council, as amended, as follows:

**Rules of Order
for Standing Committees
of the Navajo Nation Council**

Rule 8. Order of Agenda Business:

- A. The Order of Agenda Business for all Committee meetings shall be as follows:

1. Call meeting to Order; Roll Call; Invocation;
~~Announcements~~
2. Recognize Guests and Visiting Officials (limit 2 minutes per Delegate)
3. Review and Adopt Agenda
4. Review and Adopt Journal
5. Receive Reports
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Close of Meeting; Announcements; Adjournment

- B. The Chairperson of the Standing Committee shall prepare and submit a proposed agenda to the Committee for review and final adoption. The agenda shall allow for the inclusion of a consent schedule which is a listing of resolutions that will likely

be approved by unanimous consent of the Delegates in attendance. The consent schedule shall be developed by the Chairperson upon request by any Delegate with appropriate exhibits, reports, and other matters available for review prior to the meeting. Items shall be removed from the consent schedule on the request of any one committee member for any reason without debate. Items not removed shall be adopted by unanimous consent without amendments or debate. Removed items may be taken up either immediately after the consent schedule or placed later on the agenda at the discretion of the committee.

SECTION FOUR. AMENDING RULE 9 OF THE RULES OF ORDER FOR STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

The Navajo Nation Council hereby amends Rule 9 of the Rules of Order for Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation Council, as amended, as follows:

RULES OF ORDER FOR STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

Rule 9. Reading of Legislation:

- A. All legislations shall be made a part of the official record of the Standing Committee assigned as the final approval authority under 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A) (6) and shall be read into the record twice. The first reading shall be of the legislation and reference the attached exhibits. After the motion to adopt, debate and amendment, if any, a second reading shall be conducted. The second reading shall be limited only to those provisions or sections of the legislation which have been amended. All readings shall be by the designated Office of Legislative Services personnel assigned to the Committee or by electronic voice recording.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE


The amendment enacted herein shall be effective pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Order for Standing Committees of the Navajo Nation Council.

SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE

Should any provision of this Act be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation without appeal to the Navajo Supreme Court, those provisions of the Act not determined invalid shall remain the law of the Nation.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the 24th 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 20 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 16th day of July 2019.


Honorable Seth Damon, Speaker
24th Navajo Nation Council

7/19/19.
DATE

Motion: Honorable Edison J. Wauneka

Second: Honorable Nathaniel Brown

Speaker Seth Damon not voting

NAVAJO NATION

7/16/2019

NNC 2019 Summer Session

03:32:16 PM

Amd# to Amd#	Legislation 0042-19: Amending	PASSED
MOT Wauneka, E	Rule 8 and Rule 9 of the Rules	
SEC Brown	of Order for Standing Committees	
	of the Navajo Nation Council	

Yea : 20

Nay : 0

Excused : 3

Not Voting : 0

Yea : 20

Begay, E	Daniels	Nez, R	Tso, D
Begay, K	Freeland, M	Smith	Walker, T
Begay, P	Halona, P	Stewart, W	Wauneka, E
Brown	Henio, J	Tso	Yazzie
Charles-Newton	James, V	Tso, C	Yellowhair

Nay : 0

Excused : 3

Crotty	BeGaye, N	Tso, E
--------	-----------	--------

Not Voting : 0

Presiding Speaker: Damon