

**RESOLUTION OF THE
LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE OF THE
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- FIRST YEAR, 2023**

AN ACTION

RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER; APPROVING THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE BUDGET MEETING PROCEDURES

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight authority over the Judicial Branch of the Navajo Nation, Office of Hearing and Appeals, Labor Commission, Office of the Public Defender, Office of the Prosecutor, Division of Public Safety, and Office of Ethics and Rules. 2 N.N.C. § 600 (A) 2 N.N.C. § 601 (C) (1).
- B. The Navajo Nation Code provides that "[e]ach oversight committee shall review and make recommendations to the Budget and Finance Committee concerning the budget in accordance with the annual budget instructions. The oversight committees may hold public hearings at each agency with programs under their oversight and take testimony on the budget. 12 N.N.C. § 840 (A).
- C. Additionally, "[t]he oversight committees shall make recommendations concerning the budget and pass resolutions recommending appropriations and conditions of appropriations for activities within their respective areas of oversight to the Budget and Finance Committee pursuant to the time-lines established in the Budget Instructions Manual." 12 N.N.C. § 840 (A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. In the interest of establishing uniform standing committee budget procedures for conducting the budget meetings pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §840(A), the Law and Order Committee wishes to adopt new procedures for conducting the FY2024 oversight budget meetings.
- B. The Law and Order Committee has reviewed and considered the proposed "OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETINGS

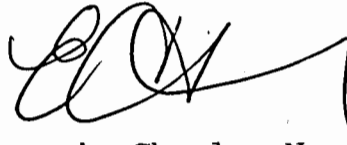
PROCEDURES - FY2024 PROGRAM BUDGETS", attached as **Exhibit 1**, and finds that adherence to such Procedures will effect a more efficient review and recommendation process regarding the FY2024 Program budgets.

SECTION THREE. APPROVING PROCEDURES FOR OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR APPROVING BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024

The Law and Order Committee hereby approves the Procedures for Oversight Committee Meetings for Approving Budgets for the Fiscal Year 2024, attached as **Exhibit 1**.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Law and Order Committee of the 25th 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 02 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 15th day of August 2023.



Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton, Chairwoman
Law and Order Committee

Motioned: Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie
Second : Honorable Steven Arviso



**OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETINGS
PROCEDURES
FY2024 PROGRAM BUDGETS**

1. The Standing Committee Rules of Order are to be used for the oversight Budget Meetings. The only exception is Rule 8.
2. These Procedures suspend Rule 8 of the Standing Committee Rules of Order. The Order of Agenda Business for the Budget Meeting shall be as follows:
 - A. Call Meeting to Order; Roll Call; Invocation
 - B. Recognize Guests and Visiting Officials
 - C. Review and adopt the Agenda. The Agenda items shall only include budget legislations.
 - D. Close of Meeting; Announcements; Adjournment
3. The Budget Meeting shall be posted for a duration of five (5) consecutive work days.
4. The Committee may recess during the five-day meeting to provide time for amendments to be drafted and budget exhibits to be corrected.
5. The Committee is not required to swear in agents or other presenters, either from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) or Program staff.
6. After a budget legislation is motioned, OMB shall present a summary budget summary for each Program's budget before the Sponsor of the legislation starts their presentation. A staff member of OMB shall be available at each Committee Budget Meeting, either virtually or in person, to answer relevant questions and to clarify issues during the discussion.
7. The Sponsor of the budget legislation, and his or her agents, will have a maximum of 10 minutes, or other time period established by the Committee, to present the legislation. The Committee Chair, at his or her discretion, may increase the time period for the initial presentation of the legislation.
8. As with any legislation, the Committee Members may ask questions of the agents and OMB through the Sponsor. Questions to advisors, e.g., the Controller, Department of Personnel Management, should go through the Committee Chair.

9. The Office of Legislative Counsel (OLC) will provide fillable amendment forms to the Committee members to be used for amendments to the Program's detailed budgets and Conditions of Appropriations/Legislative Concern exhibits. The fillable amendment forms shall be submitted to the Committee Advisor.

Requests for amendments to the body of the legislation shall be handled the same way as other legislations and should be submitted directly to OLC.

10. The Committee Advisor is responsible for keeping a complete and accurate list of all proposed amendments to the detailed budgets, and providing the proposed amendments to the Program, OMB, the Controller, and to OLC.
11. When, and if, a proposed amendment to the Program's detailed budget is approved by the Committee, the Committee Advisor will add the approved amendment to Exhibit C. The Program(s) shall work with OMB to revise Exhibit B, when necessary, to reflect the approved amendments made to the detailed budgets and Exhibit C.
12. If amendments are made to a Program's budget, the Committee will table the legislation to give the Program time to revise its detailed budgets and prepare the filled-in Exhibits B and C. When the Program returns to the Committee with its revised detailed budgets and its completed Exhibits B and C, if additional amendments or corrections are needed, the Committee will go into a recess to allow the Program time to make the budget corrections in order to avoid tabling the legislation twice and permanently eliminating the legislation from the Committee's agenda.
13. Upon reconvening after the recess, if the Committee is not satisfied with any of the proposed amendments or with any of the revised detailed budget provided by the Program, the Committee may recess a second time.
14. As with any legislation, the Committee will vote on all amendments to each budget legislation and will vote on the main motion for each budget legislation for the divisions and programs that it oversees. A quorum of Committee members is required for each vote.
15. Final approved Oversight Committee resolutions serve as recommendations to the Budget & Finance Committee. The Oversight Committee, through the Chair and/or Vice Chair, or designee, shall present the adopted Oversight Committee resolution and final program budgets, with all amendments inserted, to the Budget & Finance Committee.

**LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE
25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL
Special Meeting
August 15, 2023**

Legislation No. 0171-23: An Action Relating to Law and Order; Approving the Oversight Committee Budget Meeting Procedures.

Sponsors: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton/Co-Sponsor: Honorable Danny Simpson

CONSENT AGENDA

VOTE TALLY SHEET:

Main Motion:

Motion: Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie

Second: Honorable Steven Arviso

Vote: 2-0-3

Yea: Honorable Cherilyn Yazzie/Hon. Steven Arviso

Nay: None

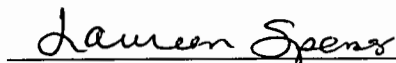
Not Voting: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton/Honorable Herman M. Daniels, Jr.

Excused: Honorable Nathan Notah

Absent: None



Eugenia Charles-Newton, Chairwoman
Law and Order Committee
25th Navajo Nation Council



Laureen Spencer, Legislative Advisor
Office of Legislative Services