

RESOLUTION OF THE
LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE OF THE
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- First Year, 2019

AN ACTION

RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING
TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR
2020 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 2020 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 2020 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) 2020 Budget for the Navajo Nation Office of Hearings and Appeals recommended by the Office of the Navajo Nation 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 hereby recommends to the Budget and Finance Committee the following: All Units whose personnel accounts show vacant positions be authorized and encouraged to convert those positions into needed temporary positions until such time as qualified candidates can be appointed the full time position. Program units are to work with the Office of Management and Budget, Office of the Controller, Department of Personnel Management to accomplish this and are to report on a quarterly basis to the Law and Order Committee on their efforts in this regard.
- D. The Law and Order Committee recommends that all carry overs shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year.
- E. 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.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Law and Order Committee of the 24th Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Chinle, 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 29th day of July 2019.



Honorable Otto Tso, Vice-Chairperson
Law and Order Committee

Motioned: Honorable Eugene Tso
Second : Honorable Vince James

The Navajo Nation
General Fund Comparative Summary

Branch: Office of Hearings and AppealsDivision: Office of The President/Vice President

(A) Business Unit Number	(B) Program Title	(C) Branch Chief's Proposed FY 2020 General Fund Budget	(D) Oversight Committee's Recommended FY 2020 General Fund Budget	(E) Plus or minus \$ difference (Column D minus C)
103004	Office of Hearings and Appeals	342,000	342,000	0
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TOTAL:		342,000	342,000	0

The Navajo Nation Recommended Changes to the General Fund Budget

Branch:

Office of Hearings and Appeals

Division:

Office of The President/Vice President

Business Unit
Number

103004

Office of Hearings and Appeals

Explanation of Recommended Changes to the Fiscal Year 2020 General Fund Budget
(Increase or Decrease \$ Amount)

The amount for FY 2020 has increased. The request for increase was for additional staff that is in dire need here at Office of Hearings and Appeals and the upgrade of office space to accomodate staff. Equipment is also in need of updating, software needs to be compatible for all staff.

EXHIBIT D

Recommended Conditions of Appropriations and Legislative Concerns

Division: Office of The President/Vice President

Business Unit Number	Program Title	Brief Narrative of Recommended Condition of Appropriation (COA) or Legislative Concern (LC)
103004	Office of Hearings and Appeals	Currently staff have the revisions of the Policy and Procedures for Office of Hearings and Appeals. It will now start the process of steps for recommendations and approval before given to Navajo Nation Council.

The Navajo Nation Recommended Unmet Needs

EXHIBIT E

Division: Office of The President/Vice President

(A) Business Unit Number	(B) Program Title	(C) Amount of Unmet Need	(D) Explanation of Recommended UNMET NEEDS to the FY 2020 General Fund Budget
103004	Office of Hearings and Appeals	290,000	Additional funding for building improvement; the purchase of a new office facility or renovate entire office.
TOTAL:		290,000	

NAVAJO NATION

RCS# 169

LOC Regular Meeting

7/29/2019

12:42:09 PM

Amd# to Amd#

Legislation No. 0224-19

PASSED

MOT Tso, E

as amended

SEC James, V

Yea : 3

Nay : 0

Excused : 0

Not Voting : 2

Yea : 3

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James, V

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Nay : 0

Excused : 0

Not Voting : 2

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