

## MINUTES OF THE UNTF DINEH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

UNTF Dineh Advisory Committee Meeting  
Friday, November 21, 2025 (1:30 pm – 5:00 pm)  
Hybrid Meeting: In-Person & Teleconference Meeting  
Base Location: UNTF Conference Room, 151 East 500 North, Blanding, UT 84511  
Teleconference Meeting: Google Meet  
[meet.google.com/iab-qfxm-eme](https://meet.google.com/iab-qfxm-eme)  
Or Join by Phone 1+(478) 292-3648                      PIN 373 577 702#

### MEETING AGENDA

- A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Melvin Capitan, Jr., Chair, *called the meeting to order at 2:27 p.m. Six advisory members were in attendance, which constituted a quorum.*

1. Roll Call:

X	Melvin Capitan Jr.	Chair, Aneth
X	Aretta Begay	Vice-Chair, Teecnospos
X	Rebecca Benally	Secretary, Red Mesa
X	Jaime Harvey	Aneth
X	Anna Mae Jim	NaatsisAan
X	Stanley Nez	Blue Mtn Dineh Comm.

2. Recognition of Guests & Staff

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| 1. Twyla Madisen, Oljato Chapter Sec-Treasurer        | 13. Leonard Lee Sr. Utah Dine' Bikeyah Board Member   |
| 2. Brook McCarrick, Office of the Atty General        | 14. Helen Myerson, Oljato Housing Committee           |
| 3. Ryan Barton, Hydrologist, NN Water Mgmt Br.        | 15. Carol Tallis, Oljato Chapter Housing Committee    |
| 4. Tony Dayish, UNTF Administrator                    | 16. Rosie Daugomah, Oljato Chapter Housing Committee  |
| 5. Maury Bergman, UNTF Finance Manager                | 17. Velta Crank, Chapter Oljato Housing Committee     |
| 6. John Nakai UNTF UNTF Projects Specialist           | 18. Sherry Francis, Oljato Chapter Housing Committee  |
| 7. Janice Bitsoie, UNTF Projects Specialist           | 19. Adeline Fatt, Oljato Chapter resident             |
| 8. Rose Dandy, UNTF Projects Specialist               | 20. Brandon Lance Blackhorse, Oljato Chapter resident |
| 9. Randy Yellow, HIT Homes, LLC                       | 21. Dollard Curley, Oljato Chapter resident           |
| 10. Brett Roundy, HIT Homes, LLC                      | 22. Mike & Lucy Valentine, Oljato Chapter resident    |
| 11. John Wagner, HIT Homes, LLC                       | 23. Ruby Long, Oljato Chapter resident                |
| 12. Janet Slowman, Exec. Director, Utah Dine' Bikeyah | 24. Tisha Charlie, Oljato Chapter resident            |
|   | 25. Nelson Beletso, Aneth resident                    |

B. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 25, 2025 Dine' Advisory Committee Meeting

Aretta Begay motioned to approve the September 25, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. Rebecca Benally seconded the motion and all DAC members voted in favor of the motion, none opposed. Vote: 6-0-0.

## C. NEW BUSINESS

1. HIT Homes, LLC Presentation to Build Houses for Oljato Chapter ..... Randy Yellow

Randy Yellow, John Wagner, and Brett Roundy gave a presentation regarding HIT Homes and their intent to help the Oljato Chapter with new house construction. Mr. Yellow said he had heard that the Oljato Chapter needed help to build houses for Chapter residents. He reported that they have two floor plans available for a one-bedroom house and a two-bedroom house design, both which are 640 square feet. Their cost to build is about \$150,000 dollars and the materials would all be shipped in a container, which would then be delivered to the homesite lease area. HIT's cost is about \$235 per square foot and UNTF's cost is about \$115 per square foot. They said their fees would be included in the cost of the house construction. It was explained to HIT that the Chapter would need to follow procurement policies by obtaining a quotation from another similar organization that would submit a bid to offer the same type of services as HIT. The committee wanted to know more of the background on the HIT Homes, LLC company and to hear recommendations from the Oljato Chapter. No action was taken on this matter.

2. Utah Dineh Bikeyah (UDB) Lease Agreement Old Mont. Creek Clinic .... Janet Slowman, Executive Director

Janet Slowman, Executive Director for the Utah Dineh Bikeyah, made a request to lease office space in the old Montezuma Creek Clinic. She said they had office space in a temporary classroom building at the old Bluff Elementary School Building, but the property was not maintained properly; so, they were looking for a better option. Leonard Lee, UDB board member, provided information that he served on the Dineh Committee for quite a number of years, that he is familiar with UNTF and the committee and he added comments to support their request for office space and a meeting room. A letter of intent to lease was provided by their organization and upon approval, the UNTF Staff will draft a lease agreement and coordinate with UNTF's General Counsel and the Board Chair to sign the agreement.

Aretta Begay motioned to recommend approval of the requested lease arrangements as presented. Jamie Harvey seconded the motion and all DAC members voted in favor of the motion, none opposed. Vote: 6-0-0.

3. Navajo Mtn. Arch Clearance: Leonard & Mary King Chapter Projects \$ 450.00

The Naatsis'Aan (Navajo Mountain) Chapter requests \$450 from the Chapter Projects allocation to pay for an archaeological clearance and land survey in order to process a homesite lease for Leonard & Mary King. This family has a homesite lease already but it is an old Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) homesite lease and it needs to be updated to a Navajo Nation homesite lease. And there are currently two houses on the existing homesite lease which is preventing needed services from being provided to this family and the other family member's house. The plan is to re-draw the lines so that each house is within it's own homesite survey boundary. NRF approved \$450 match funding for this project. All documentation is in order and the UNTF staff recommends approval.

Jamie Harvey motioned to recommend approval of \$450.00 for homesite lease expenses as presented for Leonard & Mary King. Rebecca Benally seconded the motion and all DAC members voted in favor of the motion, none opposed. Vote: 5-0-0. Aretta Begay did not vote, she temporarily lost her online connection.

4. Navajo Mtn. 16x24 House: Nellie Graymountain Chapter Projects \$ 32,500.00

The Naatsis'Aan (Navajo Mountain) Chapter requests \$32,500.00 from their Chapter Projects allocation to build a 16'x24' new house for Nellie Graymountain. The Chapter will be using local workers for the construction labor with some help from the UNTF crews for plumbing and quotes will be obtained for an electrician to do the house wiring work. NRF approved \$32,500.00 match funding for this project. All documentation is in order and the UNTF staff recommends approval.

Anna Mae Jim motioned to recommend approval of \$32,500.00 as presented for the new house project for Nellie Graymountain. Rebecca Benally seconded the motion and all DAC members voted in favor of the motion, none opposed. Vote: 6-0-0.

5. Navajo Mtn. Heavy Equipment Repairs Chapter Projects \$ 3,500.00

The Naatsis'Aan (Navajo Mountain) Chapter requests \$3,500.00 from their Chapter Projects allocation to repair and provide maintenance for three pieces of heavy equipment: a 2020 Caterpillar Grader, a 2007 Volvo Backhoe, and a 1984 Galion 850 Road Grader. NRF approved \$3,500.00 match funding for this project. There were concerns that arose from the committee about where these pieces of equipment are being stored, that some equipment is being stored at someone's house and they are not allowing the use of the community, which was meant to benefit the entire community. It was unclear where these pieces of equipment is being stored. There was also a question from staff if one of the graders is the one that was purchased 10 years ago and that it might still be under warranty. Because of the lack of information, the committee recommended to defer this request until additional information could be obtained.

Anna Mae Jim motioned to defer this request of \$3,500.00 until further information can be obtained. Rebecca Benally seconded the motion and five of the six DAC members voted in favor of the motion; Jamie Harvey voted against the motion. Vote: 5-1-0.

D. REPORTS

1. 2026 Proposed Meeting Schedule DAC & Board Meetings Tony Dayish

Tony Dayish presented a DAC and BOT meeting schedule for the upcoming 2026 calendar year. He said the dates, times and meeting places could be changed in accordance with the committee and board's recommendations. The committee basically agreed with the proposed schedule with some amendments. There was discussion on whether the meetings should be held earlier in the day because of inclement weather during the winter months and to stay away from driving after dark but it was determined that the meeting days and times would remain as proposed. The committee recommended holding the meetings at the chapter houses instead of in Blanding and it was mentioned that internet access is unavailable at some chapter houses and that would eliminate having a hybrid meeting. We could have in-person meetings only with no teleconference option as well. The committee recommended the meeting in March be held at the Red Mesa Chapter House, at the Aneth Chapter House for the June meeting, and Navajo Mountain for the October meeting. One of the committee members made a recommendation to purchase a Starlink receiver and subscribe to their service that would enable internet connectivity on the day of the meeting. It was also recommended to send out the meeting agenda a minimum of one week in advance of the meeting that would enable the committee to pre-read the material prior to the meeting. It was mentioned by staff that could be done, however, the deadline date would have to be changed. Currently, UNTF notifies the Chapters and sets a deadline two weeks before the meeting and in this proposed change, UNTF would have to set the deadline date to receive proposals three weeks in advance of the meeting to provide sufficient time to review the proposals, coordinate with the Chapters, and send out the meeting packet to the committee members one week before the meeting date.

2. DAC Member Reports DAC Members

- A. Rebecca Benally requested that UNTF staff meet with the Red Mesa Chapter Coordinator for training on UNTF funding, specifically Big Projects to get housing projects approved. Tony Dayish said that he had been working with the Chapter on their housing funding plan and had provided training and will continue to do so.

In the interest of time, the DAC Chair requested committee members to review these written reports, Items #3-7 at their leisure.

3. Education Report  
Phillips

Dorothy

4. Financial Report

Maury Bergman

5. Project Manager Report

John Nakai

6. Housing Report

Tony Dayish

7. Administrator's Report

Tony Dayish

E. DAC MEMBER ISSUES, CONCERNS, & RECCOMENDATIONS..... DAC Members

No Discussion

F. NEXT MEETING

1. DAC & BOT Combined Meeting w-Teleconference

Friday Jan. 16, 2026, UNTF Conference Room 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm

G. ADJOURNMENT

1. Dine' Advisory Committee

Rebecca Benally motioned to adjourn the DAC meeting at 4:35 p.m.