



KAYENTA CHAPTER

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KAYENTA CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2026 @ 5:00pm

I. Meeting Call to Order: 5:56pm

II. Invocation: Conducted by JoDonna Ward

III. Roll Call:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Albert Bailey | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stanley Clitso | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dalton Singer | <input type="checkbox"/> Shandiin Parrish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jonathan Nez | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ben Edwards | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Parrish | <input type="checkbox"/> Genevieve Benally |

IV. Review and Adopt Agenda:

Motion: JoDonna Ward

Second: Lenora Singer

- Kayenta Chapter Secretary/Treasurer noted that 3 resolutions have been submitted to be added from the floor by sponsors who were present. Motioning party both agreed to add the 3 resolutions to the agenda.
- JoDonna Ward spoke about the KTC 2025 Christmas light parade tragedy that took the life of a child. She thanked VP Stanley Clitso on supporting to end the light parade when there was a fatality that evening when she mentioned there was no action being taken to stop the event. She asked why no one is being held responsible for the incident, KTC is not being held responsible as they were the events main coordinator/sponsor, she then wanted to know why Kayenta Chapter is not looking into the incident. As taxpayers, we need to hold KTC accountable. What is the community going to do, what is Kayenta Chapter going to do, do we draft a resolution to ask for the commissioners or town manager to be held accountable and to step down? This is my question to the Kayenta Chapter officials.
- Lenora Singer commented about the incident, asked if the officials can draft a resolution asking the commissioners and town manager to step down.
- Jodonna Ward urged the Kayenta Chapter to do something about the incident, in other communities across the country, when there is an incident where a life is loss, people are held accountable, and people step down from their positions.
- Lenora Singer commented that Kayenta Chapter established Township, and they are now like a teenager, she commented that Kayenta Township needs to be put back under the Kayenta Chapter.
- Dalton Singer commented that Kayenta Chapter must be careful as to how they handle these requests from the community, as they are the main voters when resolutions are passed. He noted that Kayenta Chapter would need to get guidance

from DOJ-Chapter division on whether Kayenta Chapter voting community has authority to pass a resolution to request an investigation or to request the resignation of any commissioners or town managers. We must follow the policies and laws we have in place. Kayenta Chapter officials have not authority or oversight over Kayenta Township and their commissioners/town manager. The commissioners are elected by the KTC registered voters, and the town manager is appointed by the commissioners. We would need to get guidance from DO and do a report at the next meeting on what Kayenta Chapter community voters have the authority to do in this tragedy as far as taking legal action or requesting commissioners or town manager to step down.

- Stanley Clitso commented that the Kayenta Chapter needs to be careful on where they go as far as filing something with the courts against Township. The people need to go and get petitions that will challenge the Kayenta Township. We have done many petitions and resolutions in the past and they did not go anywhere. He commented that the Chapter does have to be careful how this is handled.

In Favor: 19 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 1

V. Presentations:

A. No official presentations for the month of March 2026 during the meeting, however, we had two presentations prior to the meeting be called to order, while the chapter was waiting on quorum. Days for Girls conducted a brief presentation/update, they mentioned their research/data collection was approved at Window Rock and they plan to come back in the late summer and early fall to meet with community members and distribute products and do education on women's menstrual health. NTUA also conducted a presentation on the upcoming Kayenta sewage revitalizing and mapping project. NTUA will be conducting inspections and mapping on the main sewage trunk lines. They will then do repairs or upgrades if needed to the main trunk lines. This project will not include sewage lines coming off the main line to homes or businesses. Presentation will be added to the meeting minutes.

VI. Review & Accept Previous Meeting Minutes: February 2026 minutes were read into the record.

Motion: Ben Blackhorse **Second:** Sissy Young-Talker

In Favor: 17 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 2

VII. New Business:

A. **Financial Report:** February 2026 financial report read into the record.

Motion: Lenora Singer **Second:** Ben Blackhorse

- JoDonna Ward asked if Kayenta Township Commission gives any funding annually to the Kayenta Chapter.
- Albert Bailey commented that the Chapter does not receive any funding from Kayenta Township Commission and JoDonna responded thanking him for the information.

In Favor: 18 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 1

B. **Resolutions:** *Sponsor or Co-Sponsors must be present at both meetings.

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1. **Resolution No. KY26-03-039**

APPROVING THE GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION FOR THE FIRST NATIONS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE, NATIVE FOOD SOVEREIGNTY GRANT, WITH THE PRIMARY FOCUS ON GATHER EMERGING ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE KAYENTA COMMUNITY GARDEN.

Sponsor: Kayenta Chapter

Motion: Lenora Singer

Second: Ben Blackhorse

- JoDonna Ward- commented if it is the garden out in the field where there is water tank.
- Albert Bailey- Yes, that is the community garden being worked on.
- JoDonna- asked if the KCH will ensure that the funds will be used for water and not misused by the Chapter for anything else.
- Clairice- stated that the grant will be for purchasing fencing to be placed around the community garden. We are working with Utah State University to improve the community garden. When the fencing grant comes in, we will contract out the fencing portion. The reason being is the fencing is ornamental fencing which need more work, so it is properly installed.
- Community member- will community members be able to garden there once the fence is up.
- Clairice commented yes and we are looking into a drip system to be extended and installed.
- Ella Mae- what water is going to be used, NTUA water is bad, why can't we use the windmill water.
- Stanley Clitso asks community members to be positive and encouraging and not be negative on projects like these, projects like these are needed and we need community input and encouragement.
- Mrs. Apodaca ask the community to be more proactive about the tragedy of Karson like they are for the community garden and other projects, please keep that in mind.
- Lenora Singer commented if community members are still able to pick plots on the existing farmland and plant, is that is available.
- Albert Bailey commented that farming questions need to be directed to Ben Edwards, and they also hold their monthly meeting.
- Dalton Singer commented and encouraged community members to attend the subcommittee meetings, we have Farm Board, CLUPC and Veteran meetings. They need more community involvement and support for community projects and community engagement at their events/meetings.

Vote: In favor:19 Oppose: 0 Abstain:1

2. **Resolution No. KY26-03-040**
BUDGET TRANSFER IN FUND 55 (ALLIANCE FOR GREEN HEAT) OF \$160.00 FROM GL CODE 6608 (TRAINING AND TUITION FEES) TO 6303 (OPERATING SUPPLIES).
Sponsor: Kayenta Chapter
Motion: JoDonna Ward Second: Lenora Singer
- No Questions
- Vote: In favor:18 Oppose: 0 Abstain:1
3. **Resolution No. KY26-03-041**
APPROVING THE KAYENTA CHAPTER TO SUBMIT TO THE NORTHERN ARIZONA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS-REGIONAL PRIORITY PROJECT LISTS FOR FY2027 FOR PLANNING, DESIGN, AND ENGINEERING OF A BOX CULVERT AT THE PARRISH CREEK CROSSING ON BIA ROUTE N6486.
Sponsor: Kayenta Chapter
Motion: Lenora Singer Second: JoDonna Ward
- Stan gave a quick summary of the resolution and why a box culvert is being requested over a normally metal culvert.
- Vote: In favor:18 Oppose: 0 Abstain:1
4. **Resolution No. KY26-03-042**
KAYENTA CHAPTER RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CHILCHINBETO'S RESOLUTION #CCH-06-24-2025F. APPROVING THE REQUEST TO INCREASE THE AGENCY COUNCIL MEETING ATTENDANCE TO \$250.00 BEGINNING THE NEW FISCAL YEAR.
Sponsor: Kayenta Chapter
Motion: JoDonna Ward Second: Lenora Singer
- No Questions
- Vote: In favor:18 Oppose: 0 Abstain:1
5. **Resolution No. KY26-03-043**
KAYENTA CHAPTER SUPPORTING CAPACITY BUIDLERS, INC. IN APPLYING FOR THE SECOND CHANCE ACT – YOUTH REENTRY PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION AND IMPLEMENTING THE PROGRAM UPON AWARD OF THE GRANT.
Sponsor: Raina Silver
Motion: Ben Blackhorse Second: Raymond Singer
- Ben Blackhorse commented if they will be training these youth work skills that they would need to get back out into the community.
 - Raina Silver commented they will be training the youth and mentioned in Crownpoint, NM, they partnered with a solar company to train the youth.
 - JoDonna Ward commented ask if this funding is going to be for Kayenta Chapter region or is it going to be use outside Kayenta Chapter Service area. She also where Capacity Builders Inc. main office is located and how the funds going to be used at the local level.

- Raina Silver commented they are in Farmington, NM, and the funds will be used in Kayenta with locally hired Capacity Builders Inc. employees. The grant funds will be used here locally at the corrections for 1 on 1 services and other training services.
- JoDonna Ward asked if they are able to provide information as to how many youths/adults have been helped locally in a report after the funds are awarded.
- Dalton Singer commented that Capacity Builders Inc. have been here working at corrections in the past years, they have counseled inmates and worked with them in creating a corrections garden, where they built the garden and planted and maintain the garden.
- JoDonna commented she has seen the work Capacity Builders here locally and she supports this resolution.

Vote: In favor:19 Oppose: 0 Abstain:1

VIII. Reports: (Please limit Reports to 5 minutes and please provide a written report.)

- A. Delegate Shaandiin Parrish, 25th Navajo Nation Council- not present.
- B. Supervisor Fern Benally, Navajo County Supervisor District 1- conducted her report, Navajo County is assisting with culvert replacement within the Kayenta Chapter. We have been working with the Kayenta Chapter and the Western Agency BIA office. Chapter Manager Clairice is going to be working on grants funding to assist with the road repairs. If the Chapter need assistance, they can email me and I can work with them. Our fiscal year ends at the end of June and the new fiscal year begins the beginning of July. Navajo County is still looking for a Sheriff, someone local so they do not have to travel from southern Navajo County. I am working with ADOT on lowering our US Hwy 163 speed limit, concerns of high speed near the school zones of KUSD and Kayenta Boarding School. There are no safe crossing zones except at the stop lights. Election is upon us, so please register to vote and look up who is running for office. Jonathan Nez and Eric Descheene are running for Congress; they are in the process of getting signatures. SAVE ACT is being introduced at congress, that ACT is going to make is harder to vote.
- C. Kayenta HIS- Wanda Begay and Brandon Smith conducted their report. Presentation will be added to the meeting minutes.
 - 1. Ben Blackhorse commented how do the veterans go about being seen at the hospital.
 - 2. Wanda commented that they would go to the veteran's clinic in the hospital, but if they choose to be seen at the IHS side, that is up to the individuals/veterans.

KAYENTA CHAPTER MEETING HAS LOST QUORUM AT 8:13PM, WITH 15 REGISTERED MEMBERS PRESENT AND 6 NON REGISTERED MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE.

- D. Clairice Begay, Kayenta Chapter Manager- report not done due to loss of quorum.
- E. Jonathan Nez, Kayenta District 8 Grazing Official- not present.
- F. Ben Edwards, Kayenta Farm Board President- not present.
- G. Geraldine Laughter- Kayenta CLUPC Chairwoman- not present.
- H. Kayenta ASC- Lena Poyer- not present.
- I. Bobby Donald, Kayenta Veterans Organization- not present.
- J. Nellie James, Kayenta Senior Center Supervisor- not present.

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**KAYENTA CHAPTER
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2026**

FUND ACCOUNT		BEGINNING BALANCE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUES	OTHER LIABILITIES	ENDING BALANCE
01	Chapter Activity	\$6,064.86	\$437.37	\$370.75		\$5,998.24
02	Personnel Funds	\$364,657.61	\$9,204.92			\$355,452.69
03	Land Claims	\$52,496.53	\$119.50			\$52,377.03
08	Summer Youth	\$29,678.68				\$29,678.68
09	Housing Discretionary	\$71,019.02				\$71,019.02
10	LGA Funds	\$244,094.63	\$4,417.78			\$239,676.85
12	Chapter Stipends	\$28,385.08	\$3,018.98			\$25,366.10
13	General Claims - Scholarship	\$28,944.00	\$1,200.00			\$27,744.00
14	Land Claims - Scholarship	\$8,999.21	\$5,100.00			\$3,899.21
15	PEP	\$273,835.83	\$7,196.23			\$266,639.60
16	Veteran's Fund	\$11,604.67				\$11,604.67
17	Emergency Fund	\$72,596.05				\$72,596.05
20	County	\$12,690.60				\$12,690.60
21	Lapse Fund	\$69,699.48	\$1,766.96			\$67,932.52
23	Capital Outlay	\$277,502.06				\$277,502.06
24	Supplemental General Funds	\$0.00				\$0.00
25	Navajo Nation Sales Tax	\$368,862.75				\$368,862.75
40	Healthy Dine Nation Act	\$233,589.92	\$969.59	\$49,034.00		\$281,654.33
51	Peabody	\$750,000.00				\$750,000.00
52	NTEC Grant	\$17.35				\$17.35
54	Freeport McMoran	\$8,470.00	\$150.00			\$8,320.00
55	Alliance For Green Heat	\$29,861.03	\$10,400.00			\$19,461.03
Total		\$2,943,069.36	\$43,981.33	\$49,404.75	\$0.00	\$2,948,492.78

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Fund Balances For Fiscal Year 2026

Kayenta

Fund	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
01 General Activity Fund	5,827.16	5,997.03	5,495.37	6,064.86	5,998.24							
02 Personnel	260,503.93	383,016.17	373,836.89	364,657.61	355,452.69							
03 Trust Funds/Land Claims	32,596.74	56,582.62	52,812.41	52,496.53	52,377.03							
04 Trust Funds/Chapter Government	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
07 Grazing / Land Official Stipend	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
08 Summer Youth Employment	4,243.68	29,678.68	29,678.68	29,678.68	29,678.68							
09 Housing Discretionary	76,106.14	76,106.14	76,106.14	71,019.02	71,019.02							
10 Local Governance Grant (LGA)	191,440.58	252,222.43	244,810.61	244,094.63	239,676.85							
11 Planning Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
12 Chapter Official Stipend	33.09	34,705.88	31,394.98	28,385.08	25,366.10							
13 Scholarship/General Fund	28,944.00	28,944.00	28,944.00	28,944.00	27,744.00							
14 Scholarship/Claims Fund	3,456.21	8,999.21	8,999.21	8,999.21	3,899.21							
15 Public Employment Project (PEP)	192,693.40	283,768.59	279,094.28	273,835.83	266,639.60							
16 Veterans	10,068.29	11,604.67	11,604.67	11,604.67	11,604.67							
17 Emergency	72,596.05	72,596.05	72,596.05	72,596.05	72,596.05							
18 Federal Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
19 State Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
20 County Funds	14,000.80	12,690.60	12,690.60	12,690.60	12,690.60							
21 Chapter Maintenance & Operation	48,249.80	72,489.87	71,063.12	69,699.48	67,932.52							
22 Navajo Nation General Funds (\$25,000 Supplemental)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
23 Navajo Nation Sales Tax	369,037.95	369,037.95	368,862.75	368,862.75	368,862.75							
24 Navajo Nation General Fund (\$100,000 Supplemental)	424.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							

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BUDGET TRANSFER REQUEST FORM

Please use this form to transfer within a fund. To transfer between fund, is prohibited.

"FROM " ACCOUNT		"TO" ACCOUNT	
ACCOUNT NUMBER	AMOUNT	ACCOUNT NUMBER	AMOUNT
55-6608 (Training and tuition)	\$ 160.00	55-6303 (Operating supplies)	\$ 160.00
Total	\$ 160.00	Total	\$ 160.00

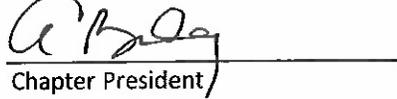
JUSTIFICATION

Budget Transfer in Fund 55- Alliance for Green Heat
 Unforeseen expenses exceeding budget amount in GL Code 6303
 GL Code 6608 will not be utilized

APPROVALS

Resolution No. KY26-03-040


 Chapter Manager


 Chapter President

Kayenta Chapter
 Detail Budget/Actual Transactions - SUMMARY BUDGET COMPARISON REPORT
 55 - Alliance for Green Heat
 From 10/1/2025 Through 9/30/2026

GL Code	GL Title	Cate... Code	Prog... Code	Budget	Actual	Available Budget	
				0.00	0.00	0.00	Opening Balance
6303	Operating Supplies	99	99	1,201.00	1,299.97	(98.97)	
6353	Purchases - Wood	99	99	35,000.00	15,600.00	19,400.00	
6608	Training and Tuition Fees	99	99	160.00	0.00	160.00	
6802	Equipment	99	99	5,750.00	5,750.00	0.00	
	Balance 55 - Alliance for Green Heat			42,111.00	22,649.97	19,461.03	
	Report Opening/Current Balance			0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Report Transaction Totals			3,080,359.56	181,271.53	2,899,088.03	
	Report Current Balances			3,080,359.56	181,271.53	2,899,088.03	

Kayenta Service Unit

Kayenta Chapter Updates

March 18, 2026

Indian Health Service
Mariva Plummer, Chief Executive Officer





Service Unit Leadership

- Leadership team at Inscription House Health Center (928-672-3128)
 1. Billy Elliott – Health Systems Administrator
 2. Dr. Sandra Navarro-Merino, Chief Medical Officer
 3. Lucita Haskie, Supervisory Clinical Nurse
- Leadership Team at Kayenta Alternative Rural Hospital (928-697-5300/4000)
 1. Mariva Plummer, Chief Executive Officer
 2. Dr. Sandra Navarro-Merino, Acting Clinical Director
 3. Wanda Begay, Chief Nurse Executive
 4. Wanda Sampson, Director of Quality Management
 5. Vanessa Williams, Administrative Officer
 6. Kathy Tso, Chief Information Officer
 7. Dr. Jon Ossen, Chief of Staff



IHS Realignment

1. Focus on One I.H.S.
 - a. Standardize processes, policies and procedures
 - b. HQ has direct oversight of service units
2. Region/Tier development for Hospitals and affiliated health centers
 - a. Northern Tier reports to **CAPT Joe Bryant**
 - b. Southern Tier reports to **CAPT Clinton Gropp & Holly Elliott, DDFO**

Chinle	Crownpoint	Kayenta	GIMC	Shiprock
Colorado River	Hopi	Whiteriver	Zuni	PMIC
3. Office of Human Resources (OHR)
 - a. Merit hiring plan implemented (available on OPM website).
 - b. To announce a vacant position now requires a Presidential (PA) approval before a job position is advertised. PA process is handled by HHS and OPM.
 - c. Follow the online process to apply for positions with I.H.S.



Workforce Data

- Hiring Plan for the Service Unit
 1. Priority list submitted to OHR in December 2025
 2. OPM approved the hiring plan for IHS in February 2026
 3. Priority to fill vacant positions with the front-line patient care staff with all the I.H.S. facilities. Then will focus on the support staff to hire next.
- Hard to Fill Positions
 1. Clinical services at 42% vacancy rate

Positions: Physicians, Clinical Laboratory Specialist, Diagnostic Radiology Technicians, Medical Social Workers, Optometry, Pediatricians, Nurse Practitioners
 2. Nursing services at 51% vacancy rate
- Challenges

Due to the Presidential Executive Orders, all announcements must have approval by HHS and OPM before a vacant position is announced.



Service Unit Accomplishments

1. HQ working on the organizational realignment for a on One I.H.S.
2. Program reviews conducted by Navajo Area, KSU in good standing
3. Established a well-structured Safety Program
4. Passed the Triennial Hospital survey in January of 2026
5. KARH and IHHC were deemed PCMH certified in 2026
6. All Nursing SCN positions are filled with KARH and IHHC
7. All supervisory positions with IHHC are filled
8. All (5) Contracting Specialists with the Acquisitions Department are filled
9. Developed and onboarded an Emergency Management Officer
10. Wellness Center is well structured



Challenges for Kayenta Service Unit

1. Nursing and Provider recruitment hard to fill due to remoteness
2. Lack of adequate housing options for staff and contractors
3. High compliance on our purchasing power with Acquisitions, final approval by HHS
4. High compliance on our Hiring practices, final approval by HHS and OPM



Questions?