

# Santee Sioux Nation

## SSN Council Headquarters

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### Regular Council Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2026

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10:00 am

1. Call to order – Chairman Denney called meeting to order at 10:00 am
2. Opening prayer – Redwing Thomas
3. Roll Call
  - a. Present – Chairman Alonzo Denney, Vice Chairman Kameron Runnels, Treasurer David Henry, Secretary Andrea McBride, Howe Creek District Rep Carrie Rouillard, Bazile Creek District Rep Sandy Henry, Hobu Creek District Rep Byron Tuttle, and Santee District Rep Vietta Swalley
  - b. Quorum established
4. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Chairman Denney asked if there are any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, Chairman asked for a motion to approve the agenda
    - i. Motion made by Carrie Rouillard
    - ii. Motion seconded by Byron Tuttle
    - iii. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
5. Approval of minutes
  - a. Chairman Denney asked if anyone sees changes needed for the minutes. Hearing none, Chairman asked for a motion for approval of the minutes from December 10, 2025
    - i. Motion made by Kameron Runnels
    - ii. Motion seconded by Sandy Henry
    - iii. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
6. Joyce Thomas – Head Start update
  - a. Joyce has been trying to find more space for Head Start, another classroom. She has met with NICC about using a room there, but they don't have a fire suppression fire alarm, and they are too expensive to install. The Boys and Girls club doesn't have room. They did look at the Warrior's Lodge, and their game room is compatible. They need 380 square feet, and the warriors lodge is 720. The room is needed by August. Andrea did mention possibly using the 'tribal chambers' as an option, Sid and Dan will look into this. Joyce will also go back and look at possibly going with the Educare route or a different funding source for a new building. Kameron suggested we reach out to our lobbyist and delegation in DC and see if there's anything more we could do. The electrician refuses to

put in any more boxes in Head Start's current location because of fire risk, the building is just too old. No further questions or comments from or for Joyce.

7. Santee Sioux Tribal Housing Authority – Derek LaPointe
  - a. Derek provided a packet. In the packet is a resolution authorizing SSTHA to submit the 2025 competitive IHBG application. They are applying for this to erect four new homes. Mike Crosley will be bringing resolutions for the lots needed for these units. All designs are made and meet HUD guidelines. We haven't been awarded any competitive grants since 2013, and we need to flip that. With the most recent audit we have finally been removed from the LOW (letter of warning) from HUD. We had 11 findings last year and these have all been addressed and fixed. Housing is moving in the right direction. The most recent we won was the ICDBG-IT award. We received \$309,000 and bought 50 water units to go into 50 low-income houses to minimize the manganese going into these homes. Chairman talked about the MOU agreement that was included in the packet, and he is in support of this. The MOU is an agreement between housing and DTSU with the GA program. GA recipients would pick up checks from housing and will be able to pay their rent right away. Eviction is not an answer so this would be ideal for getting these individuals' rent paid. SSTHA did apply for ICDBG competitive on December 10<sup>th</sup> but was not too confident. Lizzie Swalley and Sid Tuttle, from the housing board, sat through audit with Derek but they are still high risk, and need two consecutive years of a clean audit. May be another three years until not considered high risk. No further questions or comments for or from Derek.
8. Pinpoint Corporation – Clinton Powell
  - a. Rural water, the finance status is sitting at the senate's office, this will hopefully be approved by the president by Friday. The earmark does sound like there's some language that will benefit us as well.
  - b. Approval is needed for a CMAR evaluation team which will include Kameron Runnels, Mike Crosley, Heidi Austin, Clint Powell, Alec Boyce, and Alonzo Denney.
    - i. Chairman asked for approval of the CMAR team
    - ii. Motion made by Andrea McBride
    - iii. Motion seconded by Byron Tuttle
    - iv. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
9. Open Floor
  - a. Dave would like to go on record with the ChemLab agreement payment.
    - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve funding of \$500,000 from third party revenue to go towards the ChemLab agreement
    - ii. Motion made by Dave Henry
    - iii. Motion seconded by Kameron Runnels
    - iv. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
  - b. Mike Oltrogge, NICC – enrollment open until next Friday, classes start next Tuesday. Industrial trade might start next August.
  - c. Sidney Tuttle requested an executive session
    - i. Chairman asked for a motion to go into an executive session at 11:43am
    - ii. Motion made by Vietta Swalley
    - iii. Motion seconded by Carrie Rouillard
    - iv. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
  - d. Out of executive session

- i. Chairman asked for a motion to come out of executive session and to reconvene the regular council meeting at 1:17 pm
  - ii. Motion made by Vietta Swalley
  - iii. Motion seconded by Carrie Rouillard
  - iv. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- e. Vice Chairman spoke about a decision that was made by the council in executive session, to terminate the contract of the SSN Chief prosecutor. Kameron stated we want to protect our school and our people. The decision from the prosecutor has the potential of destroying our school and creating an exodus of teachers, especially Native teachers, and our students transferring out. We've spent years trying to find ways to help our school to become successful and encouraging our students to become teachers and professionals, this threatens to undo all of that. By having our own people in these administrative positions and teaching positions, it is our hope that this would encourage our children to see our people in these positions and want to become more like them. Not only that but this whole situation seems like an injustice to one of our own tribal members who has just become a principal. The council feels this decision will also protect the integrity of our tribal court. The tribal prosecutor represents the Nation and the most recent decision she has made does not represent us well.
  - i. Chairman asked for a motion to terminate the contract of the SSN Chief prosecutor due to no confidence, for abuse of power in exercising duties, and gross misconduct.
  - ii. Motion made by Carrie Rouillard
  - iii. Motion seconded by Sandy Henry
  - iv. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

#### 10. Resolutions

- a. 2026-10
  - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-03
  - ii. Motion made by Carrie Rouillard
  - iii. Motion seconded by Vietta Swalley
  - iv. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- b. 2026-11
  - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-03
  - ii. Motion made by Carrie Rouillard
  - iii. Motion seconded by Vietta Swalley
  - iv. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- c. 2026-12
  - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-03
  - ii. Motion made by Carrie Rouillard
  - iii. Motion seconded by Vietta Swalley
  - iv. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- d. 2026-13
  - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-03
  - ii. Motion made by Carrie Rouillard
  - iii. Motion seconded by Vietta Swalley
  - iv. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- e. 2026-14

- i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-03
  - ii. Motion made by Carrie Rouillard
  - iii. Motion seconded by Vietta Swalley
  - iv. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- f. 2026-15
  - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-03
  - ii. Motion made by Carrie Rouillard
  - iii. Motion seconded by Vietta Swalley
  - iv. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- g. 2026-16
  - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-03
  - ii. Motion made by Carrie Rouillard
  - iii. Motion seconded by Vietta Swalley
  - iv. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- h. 2026-17
  - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-03
  - ii. Motion made by Carrie Rouillard
  - iii. Motion seconded by Vietta Swalley
  - iv. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes
- i. 2026-18
  - i. Chairman asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2026-03
  - ii. Motion made by Carrie Rouillard
  - iii. Motion seconded by Vietta Swalley
  - iv. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

11. All agenda items have been addressed

- i. Chairman Denney asked for a motion to adjourn at 1:29 pm
- ii. Motion made by Vietta Swalley
- iii. Motion seconded by Byron Tuttle
- iv. 7 voting in favor, 0 opposed, motion passes

Respectfully submitted,



Andrea McBride  
Santee Sioux Nation Council Secretary

