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Speaker Curley calls on President Nygren to present the State of the Navajo Nation Address, Council members call for subpoena



Speaker Crystalyne Curley is calling on President Buu Nygren to deliver the State of the Nation Address in-person during the 2025 Spring Council Session.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – 25th Navajo Nation Council Speaker Crystalyne Curley issued a memorandum on Thursday, calling on Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren to be in attendance in-person on Monday, to provide the State of the Navajo Nation Address.

Under the powers and authorities of the Navajo Nation President outlined under 2 N.N.C. §1005 (C) (5), the President shall “Report quarterly to the Navajo Nation Council on the state of the Navajo Nation.”

In her memorandum to the President, Speaker Curley noted that since President Nygren took office in January 2023, he has been absent from three regular sessions of the Navajo Nation Council. During the most recent regular session held on January 26, 2025, President Nygren departed the Council Chamber prior to completing his report.

In response to requests from delegates to issue a subpoena, Speaker Curley stated during Thursday’s Naabik’iyatí’ Committee meeting that the Office of Legislative Counsel is preparing a subpoena to require the President to appear at the spring session to provide his report.

While the Office of Legislative Counsel can issue a subpoena to the President, the enforcement of the subpoena will likely be determined by the Navajo Nation courts.

“The presentation of the State of the Navajo Nation Address is not only an opportunity to receive updates and engage with the Council, but it also provides a critical platform for the Navajo people to hear directly from our Nation’s leaders on a variety of critical issues that impact them directly,” stated Speaker Curley.

The Council is scheduled to convene for the spring council session on Monday, April 21, to begin receiving reports including the President’s State of the Navajo Nation Address.

“This is a very critical time for the Navajo Nation, particularly with ongoing federal executive orders and actions being taken. The Navajo people want to see and hear their elected leaders discuss these important issues,” added Speaker Curley.

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