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Navajo Nation Council votes down Acting Attorney General's confirmation amid conflict of interest and transparency concerns



The 25th Navajo Nation Council voted against advancing the confirmation of Acting Attorney General Colin Bradley.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — On Wednesday, the 25th Navajo Nation Council overwhelmingly voted down legislation seeking the confirmation of Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren's appointment of Colin Bradley to serve as Attorney General of the Navajo Nation by a vote of 2-19.

The Council has acted within its full legal authority to remove the Attorney General under 2 N.N.C. § 1962(B), which allows for the removal of the Attorney General with or without cause by action of the Navajo Nation Council. In accordance with 2 NNC 221(C), the resolution becomes effective upon certification by the Speaker. Bradley is then required to vacate the Office of the Attorney General immediately.

The vote followed an extensive discussion in which the Naabik'íyáti Committee raised many concerns over Bradley's refusal to publicly answer critical legal questions and potential conflicts of interest.

On Oct. 9, the Naabik'íyáti' Committee voted 0–12 against advancing Bradley's confirmation after he failed to answer direct questions regarding President Nygren's illegal attempt to terminate Controller Sean McCabe and his office's ties to the law firm Zwillingen Wulkan, which represents the Office of the President and Vice President (OPVP) in the ongoing ZenniHome investigation.

Bradley confirmed in writing to the Council that the Department of Justice provided legal advice to President Nygren in the decision to issue a termination notice to McCabe. However, Bradley refused to publicly clarify who he recognizes as the lawful Controller when directly asked by Council Delegates.

Speaker Crystalyne Curley expressed concern that Bradley appeared to be serving the political interests of the Executive Branch despite the clear language of the law.

“When critical questions go unanswered in public, but swift responses are delivered behind closed doors to the President, that raises serious concerns,” Speaker Curley stated. “The Attorney General must serve all three branches of our government, not just one.”

The Committee also raised concerns about Bradley’s potential conflict of interest stemming from his previous partnership at Zwillinger Wulkan, which now represents OPVP in the Zenni-Home investigation. The law firm has filed motions in Navajo Nation court on behalf of OPVP and sought access to sealed documents related to the appointment of a Special Prosecutor.

The Council serves as the final authority for the legislation.

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