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25th Navajo Nation Council unanimously rejects the confirmation of Kris Beecher to serve as Navajo Nation Attorney General, President Nygren attempts to reappoint Beecher



The 25th Navajo Nation Council voted against the confirmation of Kris Beecher as Navajo Nation Attorney General.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — On Wednesday during a special session, the 25th Navajo Nation Council voted unanimously to reject the confirmation of Kris O. Beecher to serve as the Navajo Nation Attorney General.

“Today’s vote reflects the Council’s continued concern regarding presidential appointees whose actions may place the interests of the Executive Office above the responsibilities owed to all branches of government,” said Speaker Crystalyne Curley. “The Navajo people expect an Attorney General who will uphold impartiality, transparency, and accountability.”

Legislation No. 0249-25 marked the second attempt by Navajo Nation President Buu Nygren to appoint Beecher, who previously served as his Chief of Staff.

The Council reaffirmed its opposition, noting that Beecher does not meet the qualifications to serve as the Attorney General and his ability to provide unbiased legal counsel to all branches of the Navajo Nation government, as required of the Office of the Attorney General.

Beecher has been a member of the Navajo Nation Bar Association for eight years and previously served as a commissioner and chair of the Navajo Housing Authority Board. He is licensed to practice law in both Arizona and New Mexico.

President Nygren arrived to the Council Chamber after the vote was completed and was provided time to address the Council during a leadership meeting following adjournment.

Following the Council's unanimous vote, President Nygren issued a letter reappointing Beecher as the Acting Attorney General, despite his lack of qualifications to serve in the critical role of being the Nation's top law enforcement official.

Title 2 of the Navajo Nation Code (§1962) outlines the statutory process for appointing the Attorney General, including Council confirmation.

"President Nygren's attempt to reappoint Beecher for a third time is absolutely disrespectful to the Council and the unanimous vote that took place today. The Council has continuously stated that Mr. Beecher does not meet the qualifications for the Attorney General position. President Nygren continues to undermine the Council and our laws," said Speaker Curley.

The 25th Navajo Nation Council's unanimous vote against Legislation No. 0249-25 serves as the final action on Beecher's appointment.

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