



25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

25TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

MEDIA CONTACT:

nnlb.communications@gmail.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 17, 2026

Budget and Finance Committee approves legislation to extend investigatory hearing on housing contracts



Council Delegate Shaandiin Parrish, sponsor of Resolution No. BFAP-07-26.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — The Budget and Finance Committee (BFC) recently approved Resolution No. BFAP-07-26, extending the deadline for completing investigatory hearings that concern the Navajo Nation’s housing contracts and related matters.

The measure ensures that ongoing concerns about housing agreements, procurement practices, and the use of public funds receive a thorough and transparent review. BFC Chair Shaandiin Parrish emphasized the importance of accountability and informing the public as the process moves forward.

“BFC believes the people have many questions about this topic, and this investigatory hearing will give the public answers,” Chair Parrish said. “By extending the deadline, we’re providing the time needed to conduct a fair and complete review and to provide clarity and transparency to the Navajo people.”

The legislation amends a prior resolution that originally set deadlines for the investigatory hearing and replaces a later measure that removed those deadlines altogether.

By establishing a new completion timeline of Dec. 31, 2026, the BFC is reaffirming its commitment to a structured process that allows for careful examination of contracts involving housing development, including agreements with vendors and contractors operating within the Navajo Nation.

The investigatory hearing is designed to determine whether housing-related contracts with ZenniHome and Indigenous Design Studio + Architects complied with Navajo Nation laws, regulations, rules, and policies.

These contracts include procurement actions, subcontracting, payments, and project deliverables tied to housing initiatives. The BFC's oversight authority includes the ability to request documents, compel testimony, and coordinate with oversight offices to ensure accountability in financial and contractual matters.

For the Navajo Nation, this legislation represents a continued effort to strengthen public trust and ensure that housing resources are managed responsibly. Housing remains a critical need across the Nation, and the outcome of the investigatory hearing may inform future policy decisions, program improvements, and potential corrective actions.

The Budget and Finance Committee unanimously approved Resolution No. BFAP-07-26 on the consent agenda with a vote of four in favor and none opposed. The BFC serves as the final authority for this legislation.

###