

North Dakota State Board of Higher Education Budget and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Budget and Finance Committee met via Teams on January 20, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. CT.

SBHE Budget and Finance Committee members

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Tim Mahalick, Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Pat Sogard |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Curtis Biller | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Kevin Black |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Anna Kinney, Staff Advisor |

Institution Presidents/Representatives

BSC: Interim President Leingang, Ms. Rebecca Collins, Ms. Sonya Koble, **DCB:** Acting Dean Gorder, **DSU:** President Molander, **LRSC:** President Simone, Ms. Joann Kitchens, **MaSU:** President Van Horn, Ms. Amber Hill, **MiSU:** President Shirley, Ms. Krista Lambrecht, **NDSCS:** President Flanigan, Mr. Keith Johnson, **NDSU:** President Cook, Mr. Bruce Bollinger, Ms. Karin Hegstad, Ms. Gina Haugen, Ms. Loretta Forsberg, Mr. Brent DeKrey, Mr. Rian Nostrum, Ms. Cynthia Rott, Ms. Lisa Ripplinger, Mr. Mark Genkinger, Ms. Deanna Pederson Mr. Travis Aho, **UND:** Ms. Karla Stewart, Mr. Namil Choi, Ms. Becky Lucke, **VCSU:** Interim President Burgad, Ms. Erica Buchholz, **WSC:** President Hirning, Ms. Deborah Halvorson.

System Office/CTS/Guests

NDUS: Commissioner Sanford, Dr. Billie Jo Lorus, Ms. Christina Pieske, Ms. Brenda Zastoupil, Ms. Robin Putnam, Ms. Jane Grinde, Ms. Jamie Wilke, Ms. Sharon Schwartzbauer, Mr. Rick Tonder, Mr. Eric Jensen, Ms. Mindy Sturn, DC Meredith Larson, Ms. Claire Gunwall, Mr. Chris Pieske, Ms. Bethany Kadrmaz, DC Lisa Johnson, DC David Krebsbach, Dr. Jennifer Weber, **CTS:** Mr. Corey Quirk, **Attorney General's Office:** Mr. Shaun McNamara.

Call to Order – By Committee Chair Mihalick at 10:30 a.m., CT.

1. # Agenda

Sogard moved, Biller seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Consent Agenda

2. November [Meeting Minutes](#)
3. ~~Policy 703.3~~ [Retirement](#)

Black moved, Biller seconded to approve the amended consent agenda, with item #3 pulled and moved to Committee Business at the request of Sogard. Motion passed, 4-0.

Committee Business

4. UND-[Expand Scope and Spending Authorization for HPCII](#)

Ms. Stewart presented UND's request to expand the scope and spending authority for the HPCII project.

Sogard moved, Black seconded to approve the motion to expand the scope and spending authority of HPCII. Motion passed, 4-0.

5. UND-[Name NCoBPA Endowed Professorship](#)

Items #5 and #6 were switched from the agenda to reflect the order in which they were presented.

Ms. Stewart requested approval for naming John and Lisa Solberg Endowed Professorship within the Franson Department of Real Estate at UND.

Biller moved, Sogard seconded to approve the motion to name John and Lisa Solberg Endowed Professorship with the Franson Department of Real Estate. Motion passed, 4-0.

6. UND-[Name NCoBPA Real Estate Department & Endowed Chair](#)

Ms. Stewart requested to name the Franson Department of Real Estate, Economics and Finance and the Franson Family Endowed Chair of Real Estate within the Nistler College of Business and Administration.

Black moved, Biller seconded to approve the motion to name the Franson Department of Real Estate, Economics and Finance, and the Franson Family Endowed Chair of Real Estate. Motion passed, 4-0.

7. MiSU-[Student Center Renovation](#)

Ms. Lambrecht requested to authorize revenue bonds for a partial renovation of the Student Center.

Black moved, Biller seconded to approve the motion to authorize revenue bonds for a partial renovation of the Student Center. Motion passed, 4-0.

8. NDSU-[Demolition](#)

Mr. Bollinger requested authorization to demolish outdated facilities.

Biller moved, Sogard seconded to approve the request to authorize the demolition of outdated facilities on NDSU's campus. Motion passed, 4-0.

9. NDSU-[University Village Renovation](#)

Mr. Bollinger requested authorization for the issuing up to \$54 million in bonds for the University Village replacement.

Member Sogard disclosed that the law firm working with NDSU on this project also has a relationship with the bank he is employed by. Mr. Pieske and Mr. McNamara concluded that this did not meet the threshold to be a conflict of interest.

Biller moved, Sogard seconded to approve the motion to authorize the issuing of bonds for the University Village replacement. Motion passed, 4-0.

10. Policy 703.3 [Retirement](#)

Mr. Pieske explained the changes would restore administrative efficiencies without reducing board oversight.

Black moved, Sogard seconded to approve the motion to make the changes to Policy 703.3. Motion passed, 4-0.

Committee Reports/Updates/Discussion

10. [Tuition Waiver Report 2024-25](#)

Ms. Zastoupil provided the Tuition Waiver Report for 2024-25.

11. Dual Credit/ Tuition Discussion – Subsidized and unsubsidized delivery, [Policy 805.1](#) & [Procedure 805.1](#)

DC Krebsbach and Commissioner Sanford provided an update on dual credit funding and legislative committee assignments. Commissioner Sanford stated that legislative committees are still determining which will oversee dual credit policy.

a. [Dual Credit Funding Review Presentation](#)

The presentation on Dual Credit Funding Review was available to committee members.

12. NDSCS Housing Project (3P) - President Flanigan

President Flanigan discussed the NDSCS's need for additional student housing and the pursuit of a public-private partnership. President Flanigan agreed to share financial models and project details with the committee.

13. Resource Sharing Between Institutions

Commissioner Sanford updated the committee on accelerated efforts to implement resource sharing, particularly in response to challenges at DSU, and discussed the complexities of decision-making authority and reporting lines in shared services.

14. Funding Formula Recommendations Updates

Commissioner Sanford provided an update on funding formula, highlighting the need for a new funding formula model that addresses desired outcomes for the system. According to Chair Sorvaag, the Higher Education Funding Review Committee is seeking feedback from the VPs of Finance and the System Office.

15. [Governor's Office/OMB 2027-29 Budget Planning Session](#)

DC Krebsbach informed the committee about an upcoming meeting with the Governor's Office to request a meeting with the System Office to discuss the 2027-29 budget.

16. ERP Legislative Update

Mr. Quirk provided an update on the legislative study around the ERP, including the state's request for information from manufacturers and the upcoming online strategy discussions.

Adjourn

Committee Chair Mihalick adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m., CT.