

**Bismarck State College
Presidential Search Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

The Bismarck State College Presidential Search Committee met Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. via Teams.

Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Erickson at 1:01 p.m.

Members Present:

- Mr. Tim Mihalick, Co-Chair
- Ms. Karen Erickson, Co-Chair
- Dr. Marko Davinic
- Ms. Kelli Kuether
- Mr. David Sagsveen
- Ms. Cassy Russell
- Dr. Kevin Moberg
- Mr. Scott Becker
- Mr. Cory Wrolstad
- Ms. Brenda Nagel
- Mr. Ayden Olson
- Mr. Todd Brickhouse

Others Present:

- Assistant Attorney General Shaun McNamara
- Commissioner Brent Sanford
- Meredith Larson, NDUS Chief Operating Officer
- Eric Jensen, NDUS Director of Strategic Engagement
- Ms. Jane Grinde, NDUS Chief Human Resources Officer
- Nicole Mikkelsen, BSC Chief Human Resources Officer
- Ms. Bethany Kadrmas, NDUS Executive Assistant to Commissioner & COO

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda

Becker made a motion to approve the agenda. Brickhouse seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.

3. Approval of January 9, 2026 [Meeting Minutes](#)

Brickhouse made a motion to approve the January 9, 2026 meeting minutes. Moberg seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.

4. Brickhouse moved, Becker seconded to enter executive session to consider applications for the Bismarck State College presidency. The executive session shall be limited to members of the search committee, those assisting the search committee, NDUS office staff, and NDUS legal counsel.

The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is North Dakota Century Code sections 44-04-18.27 and 44-04-19.2.

Kuether, Davinic, Sagsveen, Russell, Moberg, Becker, Wrolstad, Brickhouse, Nagel, Co-Chair Mihalick, and Co-Chair Erickson voted yes. Olson absent. Motion carried.

Executive Session began at 1:08 p.m.

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Executive Session adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

5. Reconvene to take action regarding the next round of interviews scheduled for February 9 -12, 2026, to be conducted virtually.

Open Session reconvened at 1:25 p.m.

Nagel moved to schedule interviews February 9 – 12. Becker seconded the motion.

Kuether, Davinic, Sagsveen, Russell, Moberg, Becker, Wrolstad, Brickhouse, Nagel, Co-Chair Mihalick, and Co-Chair Erickson voted yes. Olson absent. Motion carried.

6. Review Next Steps in Process

- Reference checking process
- Interview question development
- Phase II Consultant Option

Ms. Grinde and Ms. Larson reviewed reference checking, interview question development, and phase II consultant option which involves candidate assessments for semi-finalists before campus visits.

Becker moved. Moberg seconded the motion to engage Sagency for phase II of the search process.

Kuether, Davinic, Russell, Moberg, Becker, Brickhouse, Nagel, Co-Chair Mihalick, and Co-Chair Erickson voted yes. Sagsveen and Wrolstad voted no. Olson absent. Motion carried.

7. Committee Questions

The committee discussed the interview process and scheduling preferences.

The meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.