

**Bismarck State College  
Presidential Search Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 24, 2026**

The Bismarck State College Presidential Search Committee met Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. via Teams.

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 (joined at 8:41 a.m.)
- Mr. Ayden Olson
- Mr. Todd Brickhouse

Others Present:

- Assistant Attorney General Shaun McNamara
- Commissioner Brent Sanford (joined at 8:11 a.m.)
- Meredith Larson, NDUS Chief Operating Officer
- Ms. Jane Grinde, NDUS Chief Human Resources Officer
- Ms. Bethany Kadrmas, NDUS Executive Assistant to Commissioner & COO
- Nicole Mikkelsen, BSC Chief Human Resources Officer
- Mike Meagher, Sagency

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Mihalick at 8:00 a.m.

2. Approval of January 27, February 10, 11, and 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Brickhouse made a motion to approve January 27, February 10, 11, and 12, 2026 meeting minutes. Wrolstad seconded the motion. Approved by consensus.

3. Sagsveen moved, Wrolstad seconded, to enter executive session to discuss the semi-finalist candidate information and assessments for the Bismarck State College presidency. The executive

session shall be limited to members of the search committee, staff assisting the search committee, and SBHE 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.

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

Executive Session began at 8:05 a.m.

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Executive Session adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Open Session reconvened at 9:47 a.m.

4. Questions on next week's schedule

Ms. Grinde updated the committee on the schedule for the upcoming semi-finalist campus visits, which will take place from Monday through Thursday next week. She noted that the planning group has prepared detailed schedules, including forums with faculty, staff, students, and the community, as well as meetings with the Executive President's Cabinet and various engagement activities. Committee members were informed that they would receive the finalized schedule and specific interview invitations shortly after the meeting, and were encouraged to reach out to Ms. Grinde, Ms. Larson, or Ms. Kadrmas with any questions. No additional questions or concerns were raised.

## 5. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.