

North Dakota State Board of Higher Education

Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2026

Action Items

The State Board of Higher Education held a special meeting on March 27, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., CT., via Teams.

Roll Call

SBHE Members

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| ☒ Mr. Kevin Black, Chair | ☒ Mr. Tim Mihalick |
| ☒ Mr. DJ Campbell, Vice Chair (left at 10:48 a.m.) | ☒ Mr. Pat Sogard |
| ☒ Mr. Max Eriksrud | ☒ Ms. Danita Bye |
| ☒ Mr. Curtis Biller | ☒ Dr. Lisa Montplaisir, Faculty Advisor |
| ☒ Ms. Michelle Kommer | ☒ Ms. Anna Kinney, Staff Advisor |

Institutions

BSC: Interim President Leingang, Ms. Michelle Kraft, **DCB:** Dean Gorder, **DSU:** President Molander, **MaSU:** President Van Horn, **MiSU:** President Shirley, **NDSU:** Interim President Berg, Ms. LaDonna DeGeldere, Mr. Jace Beehler, Mr. Matt Larsen, Mr. John Glover, Ms. Lynette Flage, **WSC:** President Hirning

System Office/Guests

NDUS: DC Meredith Larson, Ms. Christina Pieske, Mr. Chris Pieske, Ms. Sharon Schwartzbauer, Mr. Eric Jensen, Dr. Billie Jo Lorus, Ms. Claire Gunwall, Ms. Bethany Kadrmaz, **CTS:** Mr. Corey Quirk, **Assistant Attorney General:** Mr. Shaun McNamara.

Call to Order

1. #Executive Session

Mihalick moved, Bye seconded to move to enter Executive Session (1) to consider the finalist candidates for appointment of President for North Dakota State University (2) limit the executive session to voting Board members, nonvoting advisers, Commissioner, selected NDUS Office Staff, board counsel, Academic Search consultants, and the NDUS Search Committee. The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is North Dakota Century Code sections 15-10-17(1)(d) and 44-04-19.2.

Biller, Bye, Campbell, Eriksrud, Kommer, Mihalick, Sogard, and Black voted yes.

Motion passed, 8-0.

Executive Session began at 9:09 a.m., CT.

Present:

SBHE Members

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| ☒ Mr. Kevin Black, Chair | ☒ Mr. Tim Mihalick |
| ☒ Mr. DJ Campbell, Vice Chair | ☒ Mr. Pat Sogard |
| ☒ Mr. Max Eriksrud | ☒ Ms. Danita Bye |
| ☒ Mr. Curtis Biller | ☒ Dr. Lisa Montplaisir, Faculty Advisor |
| ☒ Ms. Michelle Kommer | ☒ Ms. Anna Kinney, Staff Advisor |

Others Present: Ms. Christina Pieske, Mr. Shiloh Susag, Mr. Jace Beehler, Ms. Jennifer Kookan, Mr. Ron Ness, DC Meredith Larson, Mr. Shaun McNamara, Mr. Chad Ulven, Ms. Kaley Quam, Mr. Matt Larsen, Ms. Lori Witt, Ms. LaDonna DeGeldere, Ms. Lynette Flage, Ms. Tiffany Lawrence, Ms. Sarah Kruse, Mr. John Glover, Mr. Keith Peltier, Ms. Kathryn Birkeland, Mr. Michael Chambers, Mr. Jay Lemons, Ms. Jenny Hopkins, Ms. Lisa Ryan.

Executive Session adjourned at 10:58 a.m., CT.

2. Return to Open Session
Open Session reconvened at 11:00 a.m., CT.

Adjourn

Black adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m., CT.