

North Dakota State Board of Higher Education

Meeting Notice and Agenda

March 31, 2026

Action Items

The State Board of Higher Education will hold a special meeting on March 31, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. CT., at Bismarck State College in the Bavendick State Room, 1200 Schafer St., Bismarck, ND 58501. [Click here](#) to view the live video stream.

Call to Order

1. # Agenda
2. Bismarck State College President Interviews (in alphabetical order by last name):
 - 9:00 a.m. BSC Presidential Search Co-Chairs – Mr. Tim Mihalick and Ms. Karen Erickson
 - 9:15 a.m. [Dr. Gaby Hawat](#)
 - 10:00 a.m. Break
 - 10:15 a.m. [Dr. Brian Kalk](#)
 - 11:00 a.m. Break
 - 11:15 a.m. [Dr. Rai Kathuria](#)
 - 12:00 p.m. Break
 - 12:15 p.m. [Dr. Dan Leingang](#)
 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch
3. # Executive Session
Move to enter Executive Session to (1) consider the appointment of, and contract terms for, the next President of Bismarck State College (2) to discuss negotiating strategy and provide negotiating instructions to its counsel and/or negotiators related to the same; and (3) limit the executive session to voting board members, nonvoting advisors, the Commissioner, invited NDUSO staff, board counsel, and co-chairs of the presidential search committee.

The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is North Dakota Century Code sections 15-10-17(1)(a), 15-10-17(1)(d), 44-04-19.1(9) and 44-04-19.2.
4. Reconvene Open Meeting
5. # SBHE action regarding the Bismarck State College Presidency

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