

**Valley City State University
Presidential Search Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 7, 2026**

The Valley City State University Presidential Search Committee met Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. via Teams.

Call to order

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

Members Present:

- ☒ Mr. DJ Campbell, Co-Chair
- ☒ Ms. Erica Buchholz, Co-Chair
- ☒ Mr. Corey Anderson
- ☒ Dr. Anthony Dutton
- ☒ Dr. Kerry Gregoryk
- ☒ Ms. Erin Heide
- ☒ Ms. Morgan Hopewell
- ☐ Mr. Josh Kasowski
- ☒ Mr. Tyler Marthaler
- ☒ Ms. Mattilyn Nathan
- ☒ Dr. Emily Wicktor

Others Present:

Commissioner Brent Sanford

Meredith Larson, NDUS Chief Operating Officer left at 9:56 a.m.

Jane Grinde, NDUS Chief Human Resources Officer left at 9:56 a.m.

Bethany Kadrmas, NDUS Executive Assistant to Commissioner & COO

1. Call to Order
2. Approve [March 27, 2026](#), Meeting Minutes

Campbell moved to approve the March 27, 2026 meeting minutes. Wicktor seconded.

Anderson, Dutton, Gregoryk, Heide, Hopewell, Marthaler, Nathan, Wicktor, Co-Chair Campbell, and Co-Chair Buchholz voted yes. Kasowski absent. Motion passed.

3. Campbell moved, Gregoryk seconded, to enter executive session to interview semi-finalist candidates for the Valley City State University presidency. The executive session shall be limited to members of the search committee, NDUS office staff, 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.

Anderson, Dutton, Gregoryk, Heide, Hopewell, Marthaler, Nathan, Wicktor, Co-Chair Campbell, and Co-Chair Buchholz voted yes. Kasowski absent. Motion passed.

Executive Session began at 8:10 a.m.

Members Present:

- ☒ Mr. DJ Campbell, Co-Chair
- ☒ Ms. Erica Buchholz, Co-Chair
- ☒ Mr. Corey Anderson
- ☒ Dr. Anthony Dutton
- ☒ Dr. Kerry Gregoryk
- ☒ Ms. Erin Heide
- ☒ Ms. Morgan Hopewell
- ☐ Mr. Josh Kasowski
- ☒ Mr. Tyler Marthaler
- ☒ Ms. Mattilyn Nathan
- ☒ Dr. Emily Wicktor

Others Present:

Commissioner Sanford and Ms. Bethany Kadrmas were in attendance for the entire session. Ms. Jane Grinde left at 9:56 a.m. Ms. Meredith Larson left at 9:56 a.m. Candidate 1 joined 8:10 a.m. – 8:29 a.m. Candidate 2 joined 8:50 a.m. – 9:19 a.m. Candidate 3 joined 9:30 a.m. – 9:56 a.m. Candidate 4 joined 10:10 a.m. – 10:36 a.m. Candidate 5 joined 10:50 a.m. – 11:14 a.m.

Break 8:34 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.

Break 9:19 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Break 9:56 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.

Break 10:37 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Executive Session adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Open Session reconvened at 11:14 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

**Valley City State University
Presidential Search Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 8, 2026**

The Valley City State University Presidential Search Committee met Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. via Teams.

Call to order

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

Members Present:

- ☒ Mr. DJ Campbell, Co-Chair left at 9:20 a.m.
- ☒ Ms. Erica Buchholz, Co-Chair
- ☒ Mr. Corey Anderson
- ☒ Dr. Anthony Dutton absent 10:10 a.m. – 10:38 a.m.
- ☒ Dr. Kerry Gregoryk
- ☒ Ms. Erin Heide
- ☒ Ms. Morgan Hopewell
- ☐ Mr. Josh Kasowski
- ☒ Mr. Tyler Marthaler
- ☒ Ms. Mattilyn Nathan
- ☒ Dr. Emily Wicktor

Others Present:

Commissioner Brent Sanford absent 10:54 a.m. – 11:14 a.m.
Meredith Larson, NDUS Chief Operating Officer
Jane Grinde, NDUS Chief Human Resources Officer
Bethany Kadrmas, NDUS Executive Assistant to Commissioner & COO

1. Call to Order
2. Campbell moved, Marthaler seconded, to enter executive session to interview semi-finalist candidates for the Valley City State University presidency. The executive session shall be limited to members of the search committee, NDUS office staff, 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.

Anderson, Dutton, Gregoryk, Heide, Hopewell, Marthaler, Nathan, Wicktor, Co-Chair Campbell, and Co-Chair Buchholz voted yes. Kasowski absent. Motion passed.

Executive Session began at 8:04 a.m.

Members Present:

- ☒ Mr. DJ Campbell, Co-Chair left at 9:20 a.m.
- ☒ Ms. Erica Buchholz, Co-Chair
- ☒ Mr. Corey Anderson
- ☒ Dr. Anthony Dutton absent 10:10 a.m. – 10:38 a.m.
- ☒ Dr. Kerry Gregoryk
- ☒ Ms. Erin Heide
- ☒ Ms. Morgan Hopewell
- ☐ Mr. Josh Kasowski
- ☒ Mr. Tyler Marthaler
- ☒ Ms. Mattilyn Nathan
- ☒ Dr. Emily Wicktor

Others Present:

Ms. Meredith Larson, Ms. Jane Grinde, and Ms. Bethany Kadrmas were in attendance for the entire session. Commissioner Sanford absent 10:54 a.m. – 11:14 a.m. Candidate 6 joined 8:04 a.m. – 8:38 a.m. Candidate 7 joined 8:50 a.m. – 9:20 a.m. Candidate 8 joined 9:30 a.m. – 9:57 a.m. Candidate 9 joined 10:10 a.m. – 10:38 a.m. Candidate 10 joined 10:54 a.m. – 11:14 a.m. Candidate 11 joined 11:30 a.m. – 12:02 p.m.

Break 8:38 a.m. – 8:50 a.m.

Break 9:20 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Break 9:57 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.

Break 10:38 a.m. – 10:54 a.m.

Break 11:14 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Executive Session adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Open Session reconvened at 12:02 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

**Valley City State University
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Thursday, April 9, 2026**

The Valley City State University Presidential Search Committee met Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. via Teams.

Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Buchholz at 1:00 p.m.

Members Present:

- ☒ Mr. DJ Campbell, Co-Chair
- ☒ Ms. Erica Buchholz, Co-Chair
- ☒ Mr. Corey Anderson
- ☒ Dr. Anthony Dutton
- ☒ Dr. Kerry Gregoryk
- ☒ Ms. Erin Heide
- ☒ Ms. Morgan Hopewell
- ☐ Mr. Josh Kasowski
- ☒ Mr. Tyler Marthaler
- ☒ Ms. Mattilyn Nathan
- ☒ Dr. Emily Wicktor

Others Present:

Commissioner Sanford

Assistant Attorney General Shaun McNamara joined at 2:47 p.m.

Meredith Larson, NDUS Chief Operating Officer

Jane Grinde, NDUS Chief Human Resources Officer

Bethany Kadrmas, NDUS Executive Assistant to Commissioner & COO

1. Call to Order
2. Campbell moved, Marthaler seconded, to enter executive session to interview semi-finalist candidates for the Valley City State University presidency. The executive session shall be limited to members of the search committee, NDUS office staff, 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.

Anderson, Dutton, Gregoryk, Heide, Hopewell, Marthaler, Nathan, Wicktor, Co-Chair Campbell, and Co-Chair Buchholz voted yes. Kasowski absent. Motion passed.

Executive Session began at 1:05 p.m.

Members Present:

- ☒ Mr. DJ Campbell, Co-Chair
- ☒ Ms. Erica Buchholz, Co-Chair
- ☒ Mr. Corey Anderson
- ☒ Dr. Anthony Dutton
- ☒ Dr. Kerry Gregoryk
- ☒ Ms. Erin Heide
- ☒ Ms. Morgan Hopewell
- ☐ Mr. Josh Kasowski
- ☒ Mr. Tyler Marthaler
- ☒ Ms. Mattilyn Nathan
- ☒ Dr. Emily Wicktor

Others Present:

Commissioner Sanford, Ms. Meredith Larson, Ms. Jane Grinde and Ms. Bethany Kadrmas were in attendance for the entire session. Candidate 12 joined 1:05 p.m. – 1:32 p.m. Candidate 13 joined 1:50 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Break 1:32 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.

Break 2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Executive Session adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Open Session reconvened at 2:45 p.m.

3. Reconvene
4. Campbell moved, Dutton seconded, to enter executive session to discuss semi-finalist candidates for the Valley City State University presidency. The executive session shall be limited to members of the search committee, NDUS office staff, 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. Reconvene to invite top semi-finalist candidates to the Valley City State University campus between the dates of April 22 – 24, 2026, days as needed, for in-person interviews.

Anderson, Dutton, Gregoryk, Heide, Hopewell, Marthaler, Nathan, Wicktor, Co-Chair Campbell, and Co-Chair Buchholz voted yes. Kasowski absent. Motion passed.

Executive Session began at 2:47 p.m.

Members Present:

- ☒ Mr. DJ Campbell, Co-Chair
- ☒ Ms. Erica Buchholz, Co-Chair
- ☒ Mr. Corey Anderson

- ☒ Dr. Anthony Dutton
- ☒ Dr. Kerry Gregoryk
- ☒ Ms. Erin Heide
- ☒ Ms. Morgan Hopewell
- ☐ Mr. Josh Kasowski
- ☒ Mr. Tyler Marthaler
- ☒ Ms. Mattilyn Nathan
- ☒ Dr. Emily Wicktor

Others Present:

Commissioner Sanford

Assistant Attorney General Shaun McNamara

Meredith Larson, NDUS Chief Operating Officer

Jane Grinde, NDUS Chief Human Resources Officer

Bethany Kadrmas, NDUS Executive Assistant to Commissioner & COO

Executive Session adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Open Session reconvened at 3:58 p.m.

Buchholz moved to invite top semi-finalist candidates to Valley City State University campus for in-person interviews. Marthaler seconded.

Anderson, Dutton, Gregoryk, Heide, Hopewell, Marthaler, Nathan, Wicktor, Co-Chair Campbell, and Co-Chair Buchholz voted yes. Kasowski absent. Motion passed.

5. Review Next Steps in Process
 - Reference checking process
 - Interview question development
 - Next steps in setting up interviews, etc

This informational item was not covered during the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.