

North Dakota State Board of Higher Education
Audit Committee Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Audit Committee met via Teams on May 19, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. CT.

SBHE Audit Committee Members

- ☒ Mr. Tim Mihalick, Chair
- ☐ Ms. Danita Bye
- ☒ Mr. Pat Sogard (joined at 8:38 a.m.)

Institution Presidents/Representatives

BSC: President Kalk, Ms. Sonya Koble, **DSU:** President Molander, **LRSC:** President Simone, Ms. Joann Kitchens, Ms. Brandi Nelson, **MaSU:** President Van Horn, Ms. Amber Hill, **MiSU:** Ms. Krista Lambrecht, **NDSCS:** Ms. Kijia Homes, **NDSU:** Mr. Bruce Bollinger, Ms. Charlene Glur, Ms. Lisa Ripplinger, Mr. Chris Wilson, **UND:** Mr. Tanner Bjerke, **VCSU:** Ms. Erica Buchholz, **WSC:** President Hirning.

System Office/CTS/Guests

NDSU: DC Meredith Larson, Ms. Bethany Kadrmas, Ms. Christina Pieske, Ms. Mindy Sturn, Mr. Cory Wigdahl, Ms. Sharon Schwartzbauer, Dr. Jennifer Weber, Mr. Dustin Walcker, Mr. Chris Pieske, DC David Krebsbach, Dr. Billie Jo Lorus, Ms. Claire Gunwall, DC Lisa Johnson, Ms. Jamie Wilke, **Assistant State's Attorney:** Mr. Shaun McNamara, **State Auditor's Office:** Mr. Josh Gallion, Ms. Robyn Hoffmann.

1. **Agenda**
2. **April 21, 2026 Meeting** [Minutes](#)

Sogard moved, Mihalick seconded, to approve the agenda and April 21, 2026 meeting minutes, as presented.
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. **Executive Session**

Move to enter executive session to consider (1) the State Auditor's draft FY25-24 Operational Audit Report for Lake Region State College and (2) any response from the institution to the draft report and associated recommendations. The executive session will be limited to members of the Committee, the Commissioner and designated staff, Board counsel, representatives of the State Auditor's Office, and invited campus officials. The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is North Dakota Century Code, section 44-04-19.2 and 54-10-26.

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Sogard, and Mihalick voted yes.
Motion passed, 2-0.

Executive Session began at 8:40 a.m., CT.

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Others present: Ms. Brandi Nelson, Mr. Joshua Gallion, Ms. Bethany Kadrmaz, Ms. Christina Pieske, Mr. Dustin Walcker, Ms. Joann Kitchens, Mr. Chris Pieske, Mr. Cory Wigdahl, President Simone, DC Meredith Larson, DC David Krebsbach, Ms. Robynn Hoffman, Mr. Shaun McNamara.

Executive Session ended at 8:44 a.m., CT.

Open Session reconvened at 8:44 a.m., CT.

Discussion/Reports/Updates

4. [NDUS 2026 Executive Survey](#) – Mr. Cory Wigdahl

Mr. Wigdahl presented the results of the NDUS internal audit executive survey, highlighting high scores in independence, credibility, and report quality, and discussed feedback and improvement areas from both quantitative and qualitative responses.

Adjourn

Chair Mihalick adjourned the meeting at 8:58 a.m., CT.