

North Dakota State Board of Higher Education

Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Governance Committee met via Teams on May 19, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. CT.

SBHE Governance Committee members

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| ☒ Mr. DJ Campbell, Chair | ☒ Dr. Lisa Montplaisir, Faculty Advisor |
| ☐ Ms. Danita Bye | ☒ Ms. Anna Kinney, Staff Advisor |
| ☒ Mr. Max Eriksrud | |

Institution Presidents/Representatives

BSC: President Kalk, **DSU:** President Molander, **LRSC:** President Simone, **MaSU:** Dr. Brian Huschle, **NDSU:** Mr. Marc Wallman, **UND:** President Armacost, Mr. Robert Newman, **WSC:** President Hirning.

System Office/CTS/Guests

NDUS: Commissioner Sanford, Mr. Chris Pieske, Ms. Mindy Sturn, Ms. Christina Pieske, DC Lisa Johnson, Ms. Jane Grinde, Ms. Jamie Wilke, Ms. Bethany Kadmas, DC Meredith Larson, Mr. Cory Wigdahl, Mr. Dustin Walcker, Ms. Edynn Glatt, Ms. Claire Gunwall, Dr. Jennifer Weber, Mr. Eric Jensen, Dr. Billie Jo Lorus, DC David Krebsbach, **CTS:** Mr. Brad Miller, **Assistant State's Attorney:** Mr. Shaun McNamara.

Call to Order

1. Agenda
Eriksrud moved, Campbell seconded to approve the agenda, as presented.
Motion passed, 2-0, with Bye absent.
2. April 21, 2026, Meeting [Minutes](#)
Eriksrud moved, Campbell seconded to approve the April 21, 2026, meeting minutes, as presented.
Motion passed, 2-0, with Bye absent.

SBHE Policy

3. Policy 611.2 [Employee Responsibility and Activities: Intellectual Property](#)
Mr. Pieske presented revisions to Policy 611.2 on intellectual property, developed in collaboration with UND and NDSU research teams.
Eriksrud moved, Campbell seconded to approve revisions to Policy 611.2.
Motion passed, 2-0, with Bye absent.
4. Policy and Procedure 1203.1 [Digital Accessibility](#)
Mr. Pieske detailed the need to update Policy 1203.1 on digital accessibility to align with delayed federal effective dates. He also explained that both the Department of Justice

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and the Department of Health and Human Services delayed the effective dates for digital accessibility requirements by one year, prompting the need to update the policy's effective date to April 24, 2027. Mr. Pieske and DC Larson clarified that while perfect compliance is unattainable, institutions are expected to make continuous progress, and enforcement is likely to focus on responsiveness to accessibility issues rather than punitive measures.

Eriksrud moved, Campbell seconded to approve the revisions to Policy 1203.1.

Motion passed, 2-0, with Bye absent.

Discussion/Updates/Reports

5. [2026 SBHE Assessment Report](#)

Mr. Pieske presented the annual State Board Assessment Report, summarizing survey results from board members, the President's Council, and executive staff. He noted that this year's survey included not only board members but also the President's Council and System Office Executive staff, assessing board performance and areas for improvement. The report showed general agreement on the board's legal responsibilities and leadership effectiveness, with some neutral responses regarding strategic planning and goal clarity. Strategic planning, shared services, and maintenance emerged as consistent themes for improvement, with respondents expressing a desire for more frequent strategic plan reviews and integration into board discussions. Mr. Pieske outlined that after the report is presented to the full board, the committee will identify two to four priorities for quarterly review, aligning with ongoing strategic planning efforts.

6. Dual Credit Accessibility- Dashboard

DC Larson introduced the dual credit dashboard developed by Dr. Weber, which consolidates data on course access, intensity, participation rates, and adoption trends across high schools, with links to both new and pre-existing data sources. Dr. Weber clarified that the dashboard uses 'early entry' to refer to all high school students taking college courses, as the system cannot reliably distinguish between dual credit and early entry, and AP data is not included due to tracking limitations. DC Johnson described ongoing efforts to clean up data entry codes and develop a manual for campuses, with future improvements contingent on legislative guidance regarding funding and reporting requirements. Dr. Weber provided data showing that students who take dual credit are more likely to enroll in NDUS institutions and graduate more quickly.

7. Artificial Intelligence

Campbell agreed to postpone the AI governance agenda item to the next meeting, as Ms. Kinney is scheduled to present on AI governance at the upcoming full board meeting. Campbell requested that Ms. Kinney research board-level AI governance policies, noting the widespread use of AI among students, faculty, and staff, and the need to consider appropriate governance measures.

Adjourned

Committee Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m., CT.