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North Dakota State Board of Higher Education

Budget and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Budget and Finance Committee met via Teams on June 16, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. CT.

SBHE Budget and Finance Committee members

☒ Mr. Tim Mahalick, Chair
☒ Ms. Michelle Kommer
☒ Mr. Curtis Biller
☒ Mr. Pat Sogard
☒ Mr. Kevin Black

Institution Presidents/Representatives

BSC: Ms. Sonya Koble, **DCB:** Dean Gorder**, DSU:** President Molander, **LRSC:** President Simone, Ms. Joann Kitchens, **MaSU:** Ms. Amber Hill, **MiSU:** President Shirley, Ms. Krista Lambrecht**, NDSCS:** President Flanigan, Mr. Keith Johnson, **NDSU:** Ms. Karin Hegstad, Mr. Thomas Claeys, Mr. Brent DeKrey, Ms. Gina Haugen, Mr. Bruce Bollinger, Mr. Travis Aho, Ms. Lisa Ripplinger, Ms. Deanna Pederson, Ms. Cynthia Rott**, UND:** Ms. Odella Fuqua, Ms. Becky Lucke, Mr. Brian Larson, Mr. Thomas Bures, Mr. Namil Choi, **VCSU:** Ms. Erica Buchholz, **WSC:** President Hirning, Mr. Hercules Cummings.

System Office/CTS/Guests

NDUS: Commissioner Sanford, Ms. Bethany Kadrmas, Ms. Christina Pieske, Ms. Jamie Wilke, Mr. Cory Wigdahl, Mr. Chris Pieske, Ms. Brenda Zastoupil, Ms. Maryann Olson, Ms. Mindy Sturn, Mr. Dustin Walcker, Ms. Edynn Glatt, DC Meredith Larson, Ms. Katie Fitzsimmons, Dr. Jennifer Weber, Dr. Billie Jo Lorius, Mr. Eric Jensen, **CTS:** Mr. Corey Quirk.

Call to Order

1. **# Agenda**
   Biller moved, Sogard seconded, to approve the agenda, as presented.
   Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

 # Consent Agenda

2. May 19, 2026, Meeting Minutes
   Biller moved, Kommer seconded, to approve the May 19, 2026, meeting minutes, as presented.
   Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

 # Committee Business

3. UND
   a. Rename Former UND Bookstore Building
      Mr. Brian Larson explained the request to rename the former UND bookstore building to Hamlin Hall due to the bookstore's relocation and upcoming renovations, aiming for consistency with previous building renamings.

Black moved, Biller seconded to approve the renaming of the former UND bookstore building.
Motion passed, 5-0.

b. 2025-27 Tier II & III Capital Building Fund Request
Ms. Odella Fuqua requested approval for UND to access Tier II and III matched funding, confirming that the match had been met.
Sogard moved, Black seconded to approve UND's request to access Tier II and III funding.
Motion passed, 5-0.

4. LRSC
   a. 2023-25 Tier II Capital Building Fund Request
   Ms. Joann Kitchens presented Lake Region's routine request to access matched Tier II funding for miscellaneous projects from the 2023-25 biennium.
   Sogard moved, Biller seconded to approve LRSC's request to access Tier II funding.
   Motion passed, 5-0.

5. DSU
   a. Woods Hall Renovation
   Mr. Bruce Bollinger requested authorization for DSU to issue up to $7.5 million in housing facility revenue bonds for the Woods Hall renovation.
   Biller moved, Black seconded to approve DSU's request to authorize up to $7.5 million in housing facility revenue bonds for the Woods Hall renovation.
   Motion passed, 5-0.

6. 2027-29 Biennial Budget
   a. Capital
   Ms. Jamie Wilke summarized the capital budget requests from nine institutions, totaling $385.6 million, with $314.1 million from the general fund with some including match from local funds and capital building funds. Additionally, seven projects utilizing revenue bonds, capital building funds, or donations are requesting authorization from the SBHE to request approval from the 2027 Legislature. There was an in-depth discussion on the 2027-29 capital budget, focusing on prioritizing deferred maintenance over new construction, proposing a $25 million pool for critical needs, and outlining the need for a comprehensive facilities and space utilization study to guide future investments and processes. Mihalick and Black emphasized the need to prioritize deferred maintenance, proposing a $75 million pool for critical projects, with the understanding that this amount is a starting point and may be adjusted based on legislative feedback and further study. Sogard and Kommer inquired about board policy requiring institutions to report their top priority projects, and Ms. Wilke confirmed the existence of such a policy (902.1). Implementation and the importance of sending the right message to the Legislature was discussed. A motion was made to approve a $75 million pool for a deferred maintenance, a deferred maintenance study, and plan development with no more then $2.5 million going towards the study and plan development.
   Biller moved, Black seconded to approve the $75 million deferred maintenance request for 2027-29 biennial budget.

Motion passed, 5-0.

A motion was made to approve the non-general fund capital projects.
Black moved, Biller seconded to approve the non-general fund capital project requests for 2027-29 biennial budget.
Motion passed, 5-0.

Committee Reports/Updates/Discussion

7. MaSU – *Informational*
    a. Residential Housing Project
    Ms. Amber Hill provided an informational update on Mayville State's exploration of a new residential housing project, including the use of a P3 development agreement and alternative financing options.

Adjourn

Committee Chair Mihalick adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m., CT.