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North Dakota State Board of Higher Education

Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Governance Committee met via Teams on June 16, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. CT.

SBHE Governance Committee members

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

Institution Presidents/Representatives

BSC: Mr. Dan Leingang, **DCB:** Dean Gorder, **LRSC:** President Simone, **MaSU:** Dr. Brian Huschle, **NDSU:** Ms. Kristi Steinmann, Mr. Jace Beehler, Mr. Marc Wallman, Ms. Melissa Lamp, **UND:** President Armacost, Dr. Robert Newman, **WSC:** President Hirning.

System Office/CTS/Guests

NDUS: Commissioner Sanford, Ms. Bethany Kadrmas, Dr. Jennifer Weber, DC Lisa Johnson, DC Meredith Larson, Mr. Dustin Walcker, Ms. Mindy Sturn, Mr. Chris Pieske, Ms. Christina Pieske, Ms. Edynn Glatt, Mr. Cory Wigdahl, Dr. Billie Jo Lorius, Ms. Jamie Wilke, Mr. Eric Jensen, **CTS:** Mr. Corey Quirk, Mr. Brad Miller, **State Attorney's Office:** Mr. Shaun McNamara.

Call to Order

1. **Agenda**

   Eriksrud moved, Campbell seconded, to approve the agenda, as amended to add Board Assessment Priority Items.
   Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

2. **Meeting Minutes**

   Eriksrud moved, Campbell seconded, to approve the May 19, 2026, meeting minutes, as presented.
   Motion passed, 3-0, Bye did not vote so her vote was counted with the majority.

 # SBHE Policy

3. Policy 302.7 Research and Governance Committee
   a. Also amends Policies 100.7 and 705.1

      DC Meredith Larson talked about policy amendments to remove the research portion from the committee's scope, ensuring continued engagement with research stakeholders through board agenda planning, and codifying related policy changes.
      Eriksrud moved, Campbell seconded to approve Policy 302.7.
      Motion passed, 3-0, Bye did not vote so her vote was counted with the majority.

Discussion/Updates/Reports

3. IT Security Briefing
   Mr. Brad Miller presented a comprehensive update on ongoing security initiatives at CTS, including the migration to a new certificate management platform, third-party risk management, Zero Trust implementation, and the results of a recent external penetration test and purple teaming exercise, with detailed discussion on findings, remediation, and reporting cadence to institutions and oversight bodies.

4. Enterprise Service Management Report
   Mr. Corey Quirk gave an update on the transition from Team Dynamics to the new Halo ITSM system at CTS, reviewed service level agreement (SLA) performance, incident and service request statistics, and discussed user feedback and benchmarking against other higher education systems.

5. Employee Awards
   DC Larson updated the committee on the inaugural NDUS Staff Excellence Award, detailing the nomination process, campus participation, recognition plans, and future improvements to the award process for staff and other employee categories.

6. Update on Board Orientation
   DC Larson provided an update on efforts to improve board orientation, continuing education, and resource availability for board members. She also discussed the potential for developing formal board credentialing programs in collaboration with academic affairs and institutional partners.

7. **#** Board Assessment Priorities (added to agenda)
   Mr. Chris Pieske presented proposed board assessment priorities for the coming year. There was an emphasis on goal setting, meeting effectiveness, stakeholder input, and system unity, with a motion passed to forward these priorities to the full board.
   Eriksrud moved, Campbell seconded to bring these priorities to the full SBHE board.
   Motion passed, 3-0, Bye did not vote so her vote was counted with the majority.

Adjourned

Committee Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting at 3:52 p.m., CT.