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North Dakota State Board of Higher Education

8:15 a.m. Pre-Meeting Engagement at Minot State University Student Center, 500 University Ave. W., Minot, ND 58707.

Prior to the business meeting commencing, SBHE Members, NDUS Commissioner and NDUS System Leaders are encouraged to attend an interactive event with our campus host, Minot State University, and their faculty, staff, and students. NDUS Presidents and NDUS campus leaders are also invited to attend. Please go through the front doors of the Student Center and you will be guided from there.

Meeting Notice and Agenda
September 24, 2026
Action Items

The State Board of Higher Education meeting on September 24, 2026, will commence at 10:00 a.m. CT., at the Minot State University Student Center Conference Room, 500 University Ave. W., Minot, ND 58707, Minot State University Campus. Click here to view the live video stream.

Call to Order

1. **#** Agenda

Campus Report Out

2. Minot State University – President Shirley

NDUS Leadership Award – DC Meredith Larson

3. Alicia Uhde - BSC
4. Deb Smith – NDSCS
5. Denver Tolliver – NDSU

 # Board Consent (6-15)

6. August Meeting Minutes

7. 2027 All Meeting Schedule

Budget and Finance Committee

8. Williston State College
    a. Food Contract Rate Change Academic Year 2026-27

9. NDSCS
    a. 21-23 Tier III Request

10. 2027-29 Biennial Budget Operating Subsequent Requests

SBHE Policies

1st read, waive 2nd read

11. Policy 413 Mathematics and English Course Placement
12. Policy 470 State Authorization
13. Policy 502 Enrollment Integrity and Identity Compromise
14. Policy 510 Rights of Students Called to Active Military Service
15. Policy 812 Legal Representation

 # Board Business

16. LRSC President Emeritus – President Simone
    a. Dr. Sharon Etemad

17. CLA Draft Report (11:30 a.m.)
    Executive Session - Move to enter Executive Session to (1) discuss the draft compliance investigation report regarding DSU and any recommendations, and (2) limit the executive session to voting board members, nonvoting advisers, Commissioner, selected NDUS Office Staff, board counsel, and representatives from CLA. The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is North Dakota Century Code Section 15-10-44.3 and 44-04-19.2

18. Update on UND/US Dept. of Education
    Executive Session – Move to enter Executive Session to (1) engage in attorney consultation regarding the recently announced federal government investigation into the University of North Dakota, and (2) limit the executive session to voting board members, nonvoting advisers, Commissioner, UND President, UND Vice President for Research and Economic Development, selected NDUS Office Staff, and board and UND counsel. The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is North Dakota Century Code Section 44-04-19.1 and 44-04-19.2

19. VCSU
    a. Updated Mission Statement – Interim President Burgad

SBHE Policies

1st read

20. Policy 302.2 Audit Committee and Policy 311 Public Records – DC Meredith Larson
21. Policy 306 Compliance Office Charter – Mr. Chris Pieske
22. Policy 306.2 Internal Audit Charter – Mr. Cory Wigdahl

2nd read

23. Policy 605.1 Academic Appointments – DC Lisa Johnson

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Informational

24. Major IT Project Oversight Q2 Report – DC Corey Quirk

Representative Reports/Updates/Discussions

25. Staff Senate – Ms. Anna Kinney
26. CCF – Dr. Crystal Alberts
27. NDSA – Mr. Kelby Azure

SBHE Committee Reports/Updates/Discussions

28. SBHE Academic and Student Affairs Committee - Mr. Curtis Biller
    a. Low Completion Programs – DC Lisa Johnson
        i. Draft 2026 Report
        ii. Policy 422 - Review of Low-Completion Programs

29. SBHE Budget and Finance Committee - Mr. DJ Campbell

30. SBHE Audit Committee - Mr. Pat Sogard
    a. Approved FY27 Chief Audit Executive Salary
    b. Approved FY27 NDUS Internal Audit Plan

31. SBHE Governance Committee – Ms. Michelle Kommer
    a. No September Governance Committee meeting

Chair Report

32. Updates from Chair Black

Commissioner Report

33. Joint Boards Meeting Reminder - September 29th – DC Lisa Johnson

34. Fall Enrollment Census – Commissioner Sanford

35. Updates from Commissioner Sanford
    a. **#** SBHE Strategic Plan - Commissioner Recommendation for Pillar One, Operating Model - Commissioner Sanford

Other

36. Public Comments

Adjourn

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