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North Dakota State Board of Higher Education

Meeting Notice and Agenda
October 29, 2026
Action Items

The State Board of Higher Education will meet on October 29, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. CST., via Teams. Click here to view the live video stream.

Call to Order

1. **#** Agenda

System Spotlight

2. MiSU/NDSU Social Work Dual Degree Program – Dr. Billie Jo Lorius & Mr. Eric Jensen

Campus Report Out

3. NDSU – President Stewart

Research Report (Between 9am -11am)

4. Research Updates – Dr. Heidi Grunwald & Dr. Scott Snyder
    a. General Federal Landscape
    b. Research Compliance and Research Security
    c. Potential 50% Biz Rule (Currently Delayed Again)
    d. Updates on EPSCoR and INBRE

 # Board Consent (5-9)

5. September Meeting Minutes

SBHE Academic and Student Affairs Committee

6. Tenure Recommendation
    a. University of North Dakota

SBHE Budget and Finance Committee

7. NDSU
    a. Honors College Tuition Rate

SBHE Policy

1st reading, waive 2nd reading

8. Policy 308.4 Conflict of Interest

9. Policy 1202.1 Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources

 # Board Business

10. Honorary Degree – DC Lisa Johnson

11. FY27 Commissioner Goals – Commissioner Sanford

 # Executive Session - VCSU, NDSCS Presidential Searches
Move to enter Executive Session to **(1)** consider the appointment, reappointment, renewal contracts, and any new contract terms for VCSU and NDSCS and **(2)** limit the executive session to voting board members, nonvoting advisers, Commissioner, selected NDUS Office Staff, and board counsel. The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is North Dakota Century Code Section 15-10-17(1)(d).

 # SBHE Policy

2nd reading

12. Policy 302.2 Audit Committee and Policy 311 Public Records – Mr. Chris Pieske

13. Policy 306 Compliance Office Charter – Mr. Chris Pieske

14. Policy 306.2 Internal Audit Charter – Mr. Cory Wigdahl

Representative Reports/Updates/Discussions

15. Staff Senate – Ms. Anna Kinney
16. CCF – Dr. Crystal Alberts
17. NDSA – Mr. Kelby Azure

SBHE Committee Reports/Updates/Discussions

18. SBHE Academic and Student Affairs Committee - Mr. Curtis Biller

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

20. SBHE Audit Committee - Mr. Pat Sogard

21. SBHE Governance Committee – Ms. Michelle Kommer
    a. 2026 Total Rewards Survey Results – Ms. Jane Grinde
    b. IT Security Briefing - *Informational*
    c. Strategic Plan Update – DC Meredith Larson

Chair Report

22. Updates from Chair Black

Commissioner Report

23. Updates from Commissioner Sanford

24. Legislative Priorities – Commissioner Sanford

Other

25. Public Comments

Adjourn

Contact Christina Pieske (701) 877-5704 or christina.pieske@ndus.edu prior to the scheduled meeting date if auxiliary aids or services are needed. ***For Presenters:*** *Please have your presentation or materials open and ready to share your screen as soon as your time slot begins to ensure a smooth transition.*