

North Dakota State Board of Higher Education
October 20, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education met on Friday, October 20, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. CT., via Teams.

Chair Mihalick called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. CT.

SBHE Members participating:

Mr. Tim Mihalick, Chair
Ms. Danita Bye
Ms. Sadie Hanson
Mr. Kevin Black
Mr. Michael Linnell, Staff Advisor

Dr. John Warford, Vice Chair
Mr. Jeffry Volk
Mr. Curtis Biller
Dr. Casey Ryan
Dr. Lisa Montplaisir, Faculty Advisor

Chancellor present: Dr. Mark Hagerott

Institution Representatives Present:

Dr. David Cook, President, NDSU
Mr. Kevin Harmon, MiSU
Dr. Bernell Hirning, President, WSC
Dr. Carmen Simone, Dean, DCB
Dr. Doug Darling, President, LRSC
Dr. Brian VanHorn, President, MaSU
Dr. Rod Flanigan, President, NDSCS
Dr. Doug Jensen, President, BSC
Mr. Steve Easton, J.D., President, DSU
Dr. Andy Armacost, President, UND
Dr. Alan LaFave, President, VCSU
Dr. Bernell Hirning, President, WSC

NDUS Senior Staff Participating:

Ms. Lisa Johnson, NDUS
Mr. Darin King, CTS
Mr. Mark Gorenflo, NDUS
Mr. Jerry Rostad, NDUS
Mr. Chris Pieske, NDUS
Mr. David Krebsbach, NDUS
Ms. Jane Grinde, NDUS
Dr. Jen Weber, NDUS

Others Participating:

Ms. Meredith Larson, Assistant Attorney General
Ms. Rachel Sinness, Assistant Attorney General

Black moved, Biller seconded, to approve the agenda, as presented.

Warford, Black, Hanson, Volk, Biller, and Mihalick voted yes. Ryan and Bye inaudible.

1. **SBHE Legislative Priorities for October 2023 North Dakota Legislature Special Session**

The Board members discussed the upcoming special legislative session, scheduled for Monday October 23rd.

Black moved, Warford seconded, to a resolution of support for the HB 1241, known as the Schreiber-Beck Innovation Workforce bill, in the full amount of \$24,000,000 to seed higher education's efforts to adapt and create programs that respond to statewide, high-demand workforce needs.

Warford, Black, Ryan, Bye, Hanson, Volk, Biller, and Mihalick voted yes.

2. **Executive Session** – Cybersecurity 1:20 p.m. CT.

Warford moved, Ryan seconded, to Enter Executive Session to discuss (1) Information related to cybersecurity defenses, or threats, attacks, attempted attacks, and vulnerabilities of cyber system operations relating directly to the physical or electronic security of NDUS facilities, or any critical infrastructure owned, leased to, or in the possession of a public entity, and (2) limit executive session to voting board members, non-voting/ex officio members, the Chancellor, selected NDUS staff, and board counsel.

The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is N.D.C.C. 44-04-24 and N.D.C.C. 44-04-19.2.

Executive session began at 1:25 p.m. CT.

SBHE Members participating:

Mr. Tim Mihalick, Chair
Ms. Danita Bye
Ms. Sadie Hanson
Mr. Kevin Black
Mr. Michael Linnell, Staff Advisor

Dr. John Warford, Vice Chair
Mr. Jeffry Volk
Mr. Curtis Biller
Dr. Casey Ryan
Dr. Lisa Montplaisir, Faculty Advisor

Present:

Chancellor Hagerott, NDUSO
Ms. Lisa Johnson, NDUSO
Mr. Darin King, CTS
Mr. Corey Quirk, CTS
Mr. Mark Gorenflo, NDUSO
Mr. Jerry Rostad, NDUSO
Mr. David Krebsbach, NDUSO
Ms. Bethany Kadramas, NDUSO
Ms. Kristie Hetzler, NDUSO
Dr. David Cook, President, NDSU
Mr. Kevin Harmon, MiSU
Dr. Bernell Hirning, President, WSC
Dr. Brian Van Horn, President, MaSU

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Ms. Rachel Sinness, Assistant Attorney General

Executive Session adjourned at 2:10 p.m. CT.

Open meeting reconvened at 2:13 p.m. CT.

3. **Motion to adjourn**

Billier moved, Black seconded, to adjourn the special meeting at 2:15 p.m. CT.

Approved October 26, 2023.