

North Dakota State Board of Higher Education Audit Committee Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Audit Committee met via Teams on January 10, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. CT.

SBHE Audit Committee Members

- Mr. Jeffry Volk, Chair
- Mr. Tim Mihalick
- Dr. Casey Ryan

Institution Presidents/Representatives

BSC Ms. Sonya Koble, **DCB** Dean Carmen Simone, **DSU** President Easton, Mr. Leslie Wietstock, **LRSC** President Darling, Ms. Joann Kitchens, **MaSU** President Van Horn, Ms. Amber Hill, **MiSU** Ms. Krista Lembrecht, **NDSCS**, **NDSU** Mr. Bruce Bollinger, Ms. Charlene Glur, Ms. Lisa Ripplinger, **UND** President Armacost, Mr. Rob Carolin, **VCSU** Ms. Erica Buchholz, **WSC** President Hirning

System Office/CTS/Guests

NDUS Chancellor Hagerott, VC. Lisa Johnson, VC. Jerry Rostad, Ms. Dina Cashman, Ms. Robin Putnam, Mr. Dustin Walcker, Mr. Mark Gorenflo, Mr. Eric Jensen, Ms. Bethany Kadrmaz, Ms. Jamie Wilke, Dr. Jennifer Weber, Ms. Caitlin Magilke, Ms. Mindy Sturn, Ms. Sharon Schwartzbauer, Mr. Chris Pieske, **AG** Ms. Meredith Larson, **SAO** Ms. Robyn Hoffman

Call to Order

Chair Volk called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m. CT.

1. Agenda
Member Ryan moved, Chair Volk seconded, to approve the agenda, as presented. Mihalick, Ryan, and Volk voted yes. Motion carries 3-0.
2. Meeting Minutes
Member Ryan stated the agenda reflected an incorrect date for the meeting minutes. Agenda updated to reflect November 15, 2023, as the correct date for meeting minutes. Member Ryan moved, Member Mihalick seconded, to approve the [November 15, 2023](#) meeting minutes, as presented. Mihalick, Ryan, and Volk voted yes. Motion carries 3-0.

Action Items

3. # Executive Session (11:39 a.m. CT.)
Member Mihalick moved, Member Ryan seconded, to enter Executive Session to consider (1) the State Auditor's draft for the NDUS financial audit for fiscal year 2023, (2) any response from the institutions/entities to the draft report and associated recommendations. The executive session shall be limited to members of the Committee,

the Chancellor and staff, Board counsel, representatives of the State Auditor's Office, and invited campus officials.

The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is North Dakota Century Code, sections 44-04-19.2 and 54-10-26.

Mihalick, Ryan, and Volk voted yes.

Present during Executive Session:

Audit Committee Members Participating:

Mr. Jeffry Volk (Chair), Mr. Tim Mihalick, and Dr. Casey Ryan.

NDUS/Other Staff Participating:

Chancellor Hagerott, Ms. Dina Cashman, Ms. Robin Putnam, Mr. Mark Gorenflo, Ms. Caitlin Magilke, Ms. Meredith Larson – Legal Counsel, Ms. Robyn Hoffman – State Auditor's Office

Dickinson State University

President Easton, Mr. Leslie Wietstock, Ms. Imee Songer

Start—Adjourn

(11:39 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CT.)

Participants listed above remained in the executive session for the State Auditor's audit report.

No action required.

Open meeting reconvened at 12:02 p.m. CT.

Adjourn

Chair Volk adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m. CT.