

North Dakota State Board of Higher Education

January 24, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education met on Friday, January 24, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. via Teams.

Chair Mihalick called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. CT.

Roll Call

SBHE Members

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Tim Mihalick, Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Danita Bye, Vice Chair |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Kevin Black | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Casey Ryan |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Jeffrey Volk | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Curtis Biller |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Max Eriksrud | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. DJ Campbell |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Michael Linnell, Staff Advisor | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Lisa Montplaisir, Faculty Advisor |

Institutions

BSC, Interim President Sanford, Ms. Rebecca Collins, **DCB** Dean Simone, **DSU** Acting President Orton, **LRSC** President Darling, Mr. Lloyd Halvorson, **MaSU** President Van Horn, **MiSU** President Shirley, **NDSCS** President Flanigan, **NDSU** President Cook, Mr. Jace Beehler, **UND** President Armacost, Mr. Peter Johnson, Ms. Karla Stewart, **VCSU** President LaFave, **WSC** President Hirning.

System Office/Guests

NDUS Chancellor Hagerott, VC Lisa Johnson, VC David Krebsbach, VC Jerry Rostad, Dr. Jen Weber, Mr. Mark Gorenflo, Ms. Claire Gunwall, Mr. Chris Pieske, Ms. Jamie Wilke, Ms. Tammy Dolan, Ms. Jane Grinde, Ms. Katie Fitzsimmons, Ms. Bethany Kadrmas, Ms. Caitlin Magilke, Mr. Eric Jensen, Dr. Billie Jo Lorus, **CTS** VC Tom Danford, Mr. Corey Quirk, **Others** Assistant Attorney General Meredith Larson.

Call to Order

1. Agenda

Ryan moved, Bye seconded, to approve the agenda, as presented.

Approved by consensus.

2. Recap of Week's Activity

Ms. Dolan provided a recap of the week's legislative activity.

Member Volk raised the issue of the challenge grant allocation, suggesting that the foundations collectively put forth a proposal for the board to consider. Chair Mihalick agreed and asked Vice Chancellor Krebsbach and Ms. Wilke to work on gathering the necessary information ahead of the January 30, 2025, meeting where it will be placed on the agenda for discussion.

Member Volk also expressed concerns about the allocation of capital funding for Tier 2 and Tier 3 projects, suggesting that the board should discuss and determine a reasonable allocation of those funds.

Vice Chancellor Krebsbach indicated that his team has reached out to campuses for square footage information.

3. Preview of Next Week's Legislative Hearings

Ms. Dolan previewed the hearings scheduled for next week for the high priority bills that NDUS is tracking. No objections were made to the proposed NDUS testimony stance.

4. Discussion of SBHE Legislative Priorities and Positions

Ms. Gunwall and Assistant Attorney General Larson discussed the state authorization bill, HB 1064, and proposed amendments to allow an appeal process for institutions denied NC-SARA membership.

Bye moved, Volk seconded, to approve the [proposed appeal process amendments](#) as presented by Ms. Gunwall.

Volk, Bye, Campbell, Eriksrud, and Chair Mihalick voted yes. Ryan and Biller voted no. Black was absent. Motion passed 5-2.

Vice Chancellor Johnson mentioned House Bill 1437, which proposes eliminating tenure at 2 year institutions. The board decided to discuss this bill further during their January 30, 2025, meeting.

5. Motion to Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m. CT.

Approved February 27, 2025