

**North Dakota State Board of Higher Education**  
March 21, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education met on Friday, March 21, 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 type="checkbox"/> Mr. Kevin Black                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dr. Casey Ryan             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Jeffry Volk                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Curtis Biller                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Max Eriksrud                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. DJ Campbell            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Michael Linnell, Staff Advisor | <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Lisa Montplaisir, Faculty Advisor |

**Institutions**

**DCB** Dean Simone, **DSU** Acting President Orton, **LRSC** President Darling, **MaSU** President Van Horn, Ms. Amber Hill, **NDSU** President Cook, Mr. Jace Beehler, **UND** President Armacost, Mr. Rob Carolin, **WSC** President Hirning.

**System Office/Guests**

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

**Call to Order**

1. Recap of Week's Activity  
HB1161 – Relates to funding for vacant full-time equivalent positions. Received a "do not pass" from the Senate Appropriations Committee and will be voted on the Senate floor next week.  
HB1437 – The tenure bill. There were amendments approved by the Senate, making the bill more aligned with updated SBHE tenure policies. The amended bill will go to the Senate floor next week.  
Meetings with the House Appropriations Education and Environment Division took place regarding SB 2003. Key discussion points included SBHE processes, specifically the handling of institution president separation agreements and search timelines.
2. Preview of Next Week's Legislative Hearings  
Ms. Dolan highlighted the bills the NDUS is tracking which are scheduled for a hearing next week.

HB 1265 – Creation of the state information technology research center. Scheduled for a hearing on Wednesday morning at 9:00 AM in the Senate Education Committee. The date and time may change due to scheduling conflicts for the bill carrier.

SB 2003 – The appropriations bill will continue to be worked on next week in the House Appropriations Committee Education & Environment Division, but exact times and dates are not yet posted.

3. Discussion of SBHE Legislative Priorities and Positions

Board members reviewed the SBHE stance on the specific bills that NDUS is tracking.

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m. CT.

Approved April 30, 2025.