



North Dakota Ethics Commission Special Meeting

Minutes of April 1, 2026

600 E Boulevard Ave, Room 321, Bismarck, ND and MS Teams

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Cynthia Lindquist at 9:00 a.m. The following members of the Ethics Commission were also present: Vice Chair Ron Goodman, Commissioners Pamela Sharp, Mark Western, and Jared Huibregtse, as well as Executive Director Rebecca Binstock, General Counsel Logan Carpenter, and Operations Administrator Adilene Moos.
2. **Discussion of Attorney General Letter Opinion 25-L-03:** The Commission entered executive session during the general meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Motion: Commissioner Western moved to enter executive session pursuant to N.D.C.C. sections 44-04-19.1 and 44-04-19.2 for the purpose of attorney consultation regarding actions available to the Commission, including litigation, relating to Attorney General Opinion 25-L-03 and on the legal risks, strengths, and weaknesses of proposed actions of the Commission regarding Attorney General Letter Opinion 25-L-03 which, if held in public, would have an adverse fiscal effect on the entity. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huibregtse. Chair Lindquist called for a roll call vote. The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Information regarding the above-mentioned is confidential. The following participants entered the executive session: Chair Lindquist, Vice Chair Goodman, Commissioners Pamela Sharp, Mark Western, and Jared Huibregtse, Executive Director Rebecca Binstock, General Counsel Logan Carpenter, and Operations Administrator Adilene Moos.

Executive Session ended at 10:02 a.m. and all participants returned to the regular meeting.

During the Executive Session, the Commission had attorney consultation regarding actions available to the Commission, including litigation, relating to Attorney General Opinion 25-L-03 and on the legal risks, strengths, and weaknesses of proposed actions of the Commission regarding Attorney General Letter Opinion 25-L-03 which, if held in public, would have an adverse fiscal effect on the entity.

After Executive session, the following motion was made:

Motion: Commissioner Huibregtse moved that the North Dakota Ethics Commission issue a letter consistent with the discussion held in executive session. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Goodman. Chair Lindquist called for a roll call vote. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

3. **Review Scope of Work for Public Priority Survey Data Analysis:** ED Binstock provided an overview of the scope of work from NDIT for the public priority survey data analysis. The quote for completing the data analysis is \$4,500.

Motion: Commissioner Western moved to authorize the expenditure of \$4,500 on the data analysis. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sharp. Chair Lindquist called for a voice vote. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

4. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., in-person in West Fargo and livestreamed with MS Teams.

Approved on 4/24/2026



Rebecca Binstock, Executive Director, North Dakota Ethics Commission