North Dakota Ethics Commission Special Meeting

Minutes of October 9, 2026

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

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Pamela Sharp at 1:31 p.m. The following members of the Ethics Commission were also present: Vice Chair Jared Huibregtse, Commissioners Lisa Edison-Smith, Kelly Leben, and Mark Western, as well as Executive Director Rebecca Binstock, General Counsel Logan Carpenter, Operations Administrator Adilene Moos, and Legal Interns Ashley Wohl and Faith Scheuer.

2. **Legislative Session Preparation Discussion:** Chair Sharp opened the discussion regarding preparation for the upcoming legislative session. Chair Sharp outlined the logistics and time involved in developing and advancing a policy bill, including identifying the issue, considering alternatives, developing a strategy, anticipating potential amendments, identifying legislative sponsors, and building support in both chambers. The Commissioners discussed the limited time available before the upcoming session, the need for the Commission to establish relationships and credibility with legislators, staff capacity and workload, and the Commission's priority of securing two additional full-time positions through the budget process.

   Commissioners reached a consensus to defer pursuing policy bills for the upcoming legislative session, while continuing to discuss and develop policy ideas for consideration after the session. The Commissioners agreed that an urgent policy issue, if one arises, could be addressed as needed.

3. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in person in Bismarck and livestreamed with MS Teams.

Approved on 10/28/2026



Rebecca Binstock, Executive Director, North Dakota Ethics Commission