



North Dakota Ethics Commission Special Meeting

Minutes of May 27, 2025

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

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Ward Koeser at 1:32 p.m. The following members of the Ethics Commission were also present: Commissioners Cynthia Lindquist, Ron Goodman, and Murray Sagsveen, Executive Director Rebecca Binstock, General Counsel Logan Carpenter, Operations Administrator Alisha Maier, and Special Assistant Attorney General Pat Monson.

2. **Tribute to Commissioner Dave Anderson:** Vice Chair Koeser advised the Commission was informed that Commission Chair Dave Anderson passed away yesterday. Vice Chair Koeser made the following statement:

Before we begin our meeting, we would like to take a moment to thank Commissioner Anderson for nearly six years of service with the Commission and decades of military service to our country. Dave's leadership with the Commission was invaluable as he helped the Commission establish itself early on, often helping with the logistic processes. Dave was a leader no matter his role. The Commission is grateful for Dave's service and leadership and extends our deepest sympathies to Dave's family and friends.

3. **HR Update:** Executive Director Binstock provided an HR update. Operations Administrator Alisha Maier has taken a new opportunity but will be staying on with the Commission in a temporary capacity. ED Binstock is working with HR to backfill the position currently and the position has already been posted.
4. **Office Furniture Update:** Executive Director Binstock provided an office furniture update. Two pieces of furniture were included and approved by the legislature for the Commission's 25-27 budget. The pieces are more than the spending authority per month on non-normal transactions over \$1,000. The total is \$2,300 for a storage cabinet and a privacy partition. There is an 8-week lead time on the items, and they would not be paid for until they are received.

Motion: Commissioner Lindquist moved to authorize Executive Director Binstock to order and pay for the office furniture discussed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Goodman. Vice Chair Koeser called for a roll call vote. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

5. **Executive Session:** The Commission entered executive session during the general meeting at 1:40 p.m. to discuss Complaint Nos. 22-003, 22-004, 22-005, 22-006, 22-007, 22-008, 22-009, and 22-010. Information regarding the content and parties to a complaint to the Ethics Commission is confidential. The following participants entered the executive session: Vice Chair Koeser, Commissioners Ron Goodman, Cynthia Lindquist, and Murray Sagsveen, Executive Director Rebecca Binstock, General Counsel Logan Carpenter, Operations Administrator Alisha Maier, and Special Assistant Attorney General Pat Monson.

Executive Session ended at 3:24 p.m. and all participants returned to the regular meeting.

During the Executive Session, the Commission discussed Complaint Nos. 22-003, 22-004, 22-005, 22-006, 22-007, 22-008, 22-009, and 22-010.

After Executive session, the following motion was made:

Motion: Commissioner Lindquist moved to Direct Chair Koeser and presiding Officer Sagsveen to take action as discussed in executive session on Complaint Nos. 22-003 through 22-010 and accepting the draft recommendations as presented for the order adopting report and recommendation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Goodman. Vice Chair Koeser called for a roll call vote. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

6. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., livestreamed with MS Teams.

Approved on 6/25/25



Rebecca Binstock, Executive Director, North Dakota Ethics Commission