

North Dakota Ethics Commission Special Meeting

Minutes of March 11, 2024

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1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Paul Richard at 11:07 a.m. The following members of the Ethics Commission were also present: Vice Chair Dave Anderson, Commissioners Cynthia Lindquist and Ron Goodman, Executive Director Rebecca Binstock, General Counsel Logan Carpenter, and Operations Administrator Alisha Maier.
2. **Approval of Strategic Review:** ED Binstock presented the strategic review for the Governor's office to the Commission.

ED Binstock advised the first portion of the strategy review contains 4 big goals that are 5–10 years down the road, if budget was not a factor and identified them as:

1. Comprehensive Enactment and Enforcement of Substantive Ethics Rules
2. Application of Effective Internal Processes & Procedures
3. Comprehensive Educational Resources for All Stakeholders
4. Fostering a Culture of Integrity Across State Government

The strategy review also contains strategic goals for the next 3 bienniums, a prioritization matrix, action plans for each strategic goal in the 2025-2027 biennium, and a 2025-2027 biennium workforce plan.

The Commission discussed each area of the strategic review and made modification requests.

Motion: Vice Chair Anderson moved to approve the Strategy Review as modified by the Commission. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Goodman. Chair Richard called for a roll call vote. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

3. **Executive Session:** The Commission entered executive session during the general meeting at 12:05 p.m. to discuss Complaint Nos. 22-003 through 22-010, 23-013, and 23-014. Information regarding the content and parties to a complaint to the Ethics Commission is confidential. The following participants entered the executive session: Chair Paul Richard, Vice-Chair Dave Anderson, Commissioners Cynthia Lindquist and

Ron Goodman, Executive Director Rebecca Binstock, General Counsel Logan Carpenter, and Operations Administrator Alisha Maier. Chair Richard also noted that Special Assistant Attorney General Patricia Monson would be joining executive session in part, for Complaint No. 22-003 through 22-010.

Executive Session ended at 12:58 p.m. and all participants except Patricia Monson returned to the regular meeting.

During the Executive Session, the Commission discussed Complaint Nos. 22-003 through 22-010, 23-013, and 23-014.

Motion: Commissioner Goodman moved to direct ED Binstock to proceed as directed in executive session regarding complaint No. 23-014. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Anderson. Chair Richard called for a roll call vote. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

4. **Adjourn:** Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Approved on  3/27/2024

Rebecca Binstock, Executive Director, North Dakota Ethics Commission