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2 North Dakota ethics commissioners reappointed

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Two members of the North Dakota Ethics Commission have been reappointed.

The Ethics Commission Selection Committee on Friday reappointed Commissioners Ward Koeser, of Williston, and Paul Richard, of Fargo, to the five-member panel tasked with ethics oversight of state government. Voters created the board in 2018.

Koeser is a former Williston mayor. Richard is an attorney and former Sanford Health executive.

They are serving two-year terms, the first of the panel to expire. Their new terms are for four years and begin Sept. 1.

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Ethics Commission Executive Director Dave Thiele discusses the five-member board in January with North Dakota House budget writers.



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Governor's spokesman Mike Nowatzki said the Ethics Commission recommended the two be reappointed to provide continuity. The panel first met in September 2019, when members' terms began.

The Selection Committee, comprising Republican Gov. Doug Burgum; Senate Minority Leader Joan Heckaman, D-New Rockford; and Senate Majority Leader Rich Wardner, R-Dickinson, also decided to open the seat of Commissioner Dave Anderson, of Bismarck, for applications in April or May 2022. Anderson, a retired brigadier general, is serving a three-year term.

Ethics Commission Chairman Ron Goodman, of Oakes, and Vice Chairwoman Cynthia Lindquist, of St. Michael, are serving four-year terms.

The panel adopted term limits of no more than two full terms, totaling eight years, excluding the initial appointment of fewer than four years.

The commission has adopted complaint rules and gift rules, and is expected to approve a \$10 food/drink exception for the latter at its July 28 meeting. The proposal received no public comments.

A lobbyist gift ban took effect in January, prohibiting trinkets as nominal as cups and stress balls.



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