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North Dakota State Board of Higher Education
Budget and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

The State Board of Higher Education Budget and Finance Committee met via Teams on November 15th at 1:00 p.m. CDT.

Committee Chair Black called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

SBHE Budget and Finance Committee members

Mr. Kevin Black, Chair	Mr. Jeffry Volk
Ms. Danita Bye	Mr. Tim Mihalick
Mr. Curtis Biller	Mr. Michael Linnell, Staff Advisor

Institution Presidents/Representatives

System Office/CTS/Guests

NDUS- Chancellor Mark Hagerott, Mr. David Krebsbach, Ms. Jane Grinde, Mr. Darin King, Ms. Lisa Johnson, Mr. Jerry Rostad, Mr. Mark Gorenflo, Ms. Jamie Wilke, Mr. Chris Pieske
Attorney General's Office - Ms. Meredith Larson, Ms. Claire Ness, Mr. Matt Hammer,
Association of Governing Boards – Mr. Alan Crist.

1. Agenda

Member Black moved to add Item 13 – NDSU Campus Update.

Member Volk moved to add Item 14 – Legal Counsel for Capital Construction projects.

Volk moved, Biller seconded, to approve the agenda, as amended .

Bye, Volk, Biller, and Black voted yes. Motion passed 4 - 0.

2. Meeting Minutes

Biller moved, Volk seconded, to approve the [October 18, 2023,](#) meeting minutes, as presented.

Biller, Bye, Volk, Hanson, and Black voted yes. Motion passed 4 -0.

3. SBHE Policy 706.1, Board Member and Advisor Per Diem Payments

Vice Chancellor Krebsbach proposed amendments made to SBHE [Policy 706.1](#), Board Member and Advisor Per Diem Payments .

Member Volk moved to adopt the policy with the following amendment: Delete "...with the SBHE president's approval." from paragraph 2.d. Bye seconded.

Bye, Volk, Biller, and Black voted yes. Motion passed 4 - 0.

Ms. Meredith Larson suggested discussing Item 14 – Legal Counsel for Capital Construction projects with Item 5 – NDSU amendment to the Original Ground Lease Agreement since senior representatives of the Attorney General's office would be present. Chair Black agreed.

4. BSC Multipurpose Athletic Center
President Jensen and Ms. Collins reviewed the proposal for the [BSC multipurpose athletic center](#) (w/ >>BDC 0 0

Ms. Meredith Larson stated that the institutions do have a access to the Attorney General's office for legal counsel and that contract review, including significant construction project contracts, are a core capability of the Attorney General's office. Mr. Matt Hammer agreed and stated he has more than a decade of experience in this area and has worked with NDUS/NDSU on construction projects totaling over \$1B. Ms. Claire Ness, the Deputy Attorney General, also informed the committee that she's the individual that receives requests to appoint Special Assistant Attorneys General for state agencies and each individual request requires the Attorney General's review and final approval, at his/her discretion.

Committee Chair Black thanked Ms. Ness, Ms. Larson, and Mr. Hammer for reviewing the process to request the appointment of a Special Assistant Attorney General.

6. UND to proceed with demolition, and associated site restoration

Mr. Mike Pieper reviewed UND's request to proceed with [demolition, and associated site restoration.](#)

The committee had a thorough discussion regarding UND's 2016 Masterplan, their current Strategic Plan, and the process to request required approvals. After discussion, the committee and Mr. Pieper agreed to move forward with an approval to proceed, with an amendment to exclude Starcher Hall from the request.

Bye moved, Volk seconded, to recommend approval to proceed with demolition, and associated site restoration, to exclude Starcher Hall.

Billier, Bye, Volk, and Black voted yes. Motion passed 4 -0.

7. UND request to Increase spending for the [Frederick "Fritz" D. Pollard Jr. Athletic Center](#) And;

8. UND Pollard Athletic Center Naming

Ms. Karla Stewart reviewed UND's request to increase spending authorization from \$20M to \$23M. She explained that the increase is needed to coincide with the final bid package for [the Frederick "Fritz" D. Pollard Jr. Athletic Center](#) (former High-Performance Center or HPC).

Ms. Stewart also reviewed UND'S request to name the Frederick "Fritz" D. Pollard Jr. Athletic Center phase II (PAC2) addition as the Nodak Insurance Company Sports, item 8.

Volk moved, Bye seconded, to recommend approval of UND's requests, items 7 and 8.

Billier, Bye, Volk, and Black voted yes. Motion passed 4 - 0.

9. UND rename Student Center

10. Room, Board, and Fee Guidelines

Ms. Jamie Wilke reviewed the [room, board, and fee guidelines](#)

Member Volk asked when the fee structure will be proposed to the Board for approval; Ms. Wilke stated March of 2024.

Volk moved, Bye seconded, to recommend approval of the guidelines, as presented.

Volk, Biller, Bye, and Black voted yes. Motion passed 4 - 0.

11. UND Memorial Village II Softball

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Volk moved, Bye seconded, to move the campus updates to the next meeting.

Volk, Biller, Bye, and Black voted yes. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Committee Chair Black adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m. CT.