



TRIBAL AND STATE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 9, 2024
Eagle Ballroom, Prairie Knights Casino and Resort
7932 State Highway 24
Fort Yates, North Dakota

- 10:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the May 1, 2024, meeting](#)
- 10:05 a.m. Committee introductory remarks
- 10:20 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Travis Finck, Executive Director, Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents, and Mr. James Cerney, Public Defender, Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Court, regarding the operations and procedures of tribal court
- 10:50 a.m. Presentation by Dr. Andrew Armacost, President, University of North Dakota, regarding the Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act Compliance Committee and cooperation with tribal representatives to further the committee's repatriation efforts
- 11:15 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Jeb Williams, Director, Game and Fish Department, regarding an update to the cooperative elk project with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Game and Fish Department
- 11:35 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Michael Howe, Secretary of State, and Ms. Erika White, State Election Director, Secretary of State's office, regarding voting in the 2024 general election
- 12:00 noon Recess
- 12:45 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Ben Leingang, Chief Agent, and Mr. Michael Wood, Special Agent, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, regarding Special Law Enforcement Commission designation
- 1:20 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the [Department of Health and Human Services](#) regarding an update on federal Medicaid assistance and treatment services for tribal communities
- 1:50 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Lucy Fredericks, Director, Indian and Multicultural Education, Department of Public Instruction, regarding the department's recent developments and priorities for the 2025 legislative session
- 2:15 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Dr. Thomas Stratmann, University Professor of Economics and Law, George Mason University, regarding the business climate and incentivizing business development on North Dakota Indian reservations
- 2:45 p.m. Public comments
- 2:55 p.m. Committee discussion and final motions
- 3:00 p.m. Adjourn

A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.ndlegis.gov>.

Committee Members

Representatives: Zachary Ista (Chairman), Lisa Finley-DeVile, Jim Grueneich, Dennis Johnson
Senators: Tim Mathern, Dale Patten, Shawn Vedaa

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