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## HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 21, 2025

Ballroom, Student Center, Dickinson State University, Dickinson, North Dakota

Friday, August 22, 2025

Workforce Training Center, TrainND Northwest, 415 22nd Avenue NE, Williston, North Dakota

### **Thursday, August 21, 2025, Ballroom, Student Center, Dickinson State University, Dickinson (Times are Mountain Daylight Time)**

- 10:00 a.m.      Call to order  
                    Roll call  
                    Review of the [Supplementary Rules of Operation and Procedure of the Legislative Management](#)  
                    Comments by the Chairman
- 10:10 a.m.      Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of background memorandums regarding the committee's assigned study and duties
- 10:20 a.m.      Presentation by a representative of Dickinson State University of an overview of the institution
- 12:00 noon      Recess
- 1:00 p.m.      Presentation by a representative of the State Board of Higher Education regarding the hiring process for the Commissioner of Higher Education position pursuant to Section 48 of Senate Bill No. 2003 (2025)
- 1:20 p.m.      Presentation by a representative of the State Board of Higher Education of an update regarding the workforce education innovation program
- 1:35 p.m.      Presentation by a representative of the North Dakota University System office of State Board of Higher Education policies regarding communications between board members and board member access to current and historic board information, pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 15-10-66
- 1:40 p.m.      Presentation by a representative of the University System office regarding federal funding impacts on higher education in the state, including research grants and student financial assistance
- 2:00 p.m.      Presentation by a representative of the State Board of Higher Education regarding the board's August 2025 retreat
- 2:45 p.m.      Recess

### **Friday, August 22, 2025, Workforce Training Center, TrainND Northwest, 415 22nd Avenue NE, Williston (Times are Central Daylight Time)**

- 8:30 a.m.      Presentation by a representative of the Midwestern Higher Education Compact regarding national and regional trends in higher education, including enrollment and consolidations
- 10:00 a.m.      Break
- 10:15 a.m.      Presentation by a representative of Williston State College of an overview of the institution

11:45 a.m. Committee discussion and staff directives  
12:00 noon Adjourn

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

**Committee Members**

Senators: Jonathan Sickler (Chairman), Josh Boschée, Robert Erbele, Scott Meyer, Mike Wobbema

Representatives: Landon Bahl, LaurieBeth Hager, Bob Martinson, Mark Sanford

Citizen Members: Kirsten Baesler, Kevin Black, Maxwell Eriksrud, Genevieve Goven, Sarah Hall Lovas,  
Brent Lohnes, Brent Sanford, Terri Zimmerman

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