



CHILD CUSTODY REVIEW TASK FORCE

Thursday, December 11, 2025
Harvest Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 10:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the September 24, 2025, meeting](#)
Comments by the Chairman
- 10:05 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [memorandum](#) regarding the court structure in North Dakota and family courts in other states
- 10:15 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. James Street, Attorney, Mediator, and retired Family Court Referee, Tuft, Lach, Jerabek, & O'Connell, PLLC, regarding the structure of family courts in Minnesota, case management, the role of family court referees, alternative dispute resolution procedures, and parenting time enforcement
- 11:45 a.m. Task force discussion
- 12:00 noon Recess
- 1:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Sally Holewa, State Court Administrator, Supreme Court, regarding the court structure in North Dakota and the impact of establishing a family court
- 1:30 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Vaughn Anderson, regarding custody issues
- 1:45 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Todd Peterson, regarding custody issues
- 2:00 p.m. Presentation by Mr. C.T. Marhula, regarding custody issues
- 2:15 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Roger Hellerud, regarding custody issues
- 2:30 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Robert Garza, regarding custody issues
- 2:45 p.m. Presentation by Dr. Alan Blotcky, regarding custody issues
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. Comments by interested persons
- 3:45 p.m. Task force discussion and directives
- 4:15 p.m. Adjourn

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

Committee Members

Senators: David A. Clemens (Chairman), Jose L. Castaneda

Representatives: Nels Christianson, Mary Schneider

Citizen Members: James D. Hovey, Corey Johnson, Victoria S. Konidaris, Jason Kraft, Jason W. McLean, Stacy Moldenhauer, Catie Palsgraaf, Derrick Sherwood

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