



LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Wednesday, January 14, 2026
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

Senator David Hogue, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Members present: Senators David Hogue, Brad Bekkedahl, Josh Boschee, Kathy Hogan, Jerry Klein, Janne Myrdal, Ronald Sorvaag; Representatives Glenn Bosch, Kathy Frelich, LaurieBeth Hager, Jared C. Hager, Dori Hauck, Zachary Ista*, Mike Lefor, Jonathan Warrey, Robin Weisz

Member absent: Senator Kyle Davison

Others present: Pat Traynor, Department of Health and Human Services
Beth Dittus, Liz Fordahl, and Megan J. Gordon, Legislative Council, Bismarck

**Attended remotely*

It was moved by Senator Myrdal, seconded by Representative Lefor, and carried on a voice vote that the minutes of the July 11, 2025, meeting be approved as distributed.

SPECIAL SESSION RULES

Chairman Hogue called on Ms. Beth Dittus, Assistant Legal Division Director, Legislative Council, to present the [report of the Legislative Procedure and Arrangements Committee](#) and to review proposed rules amendments, House and Joint Rules [[27.9570.02000](#)] and Senate and Joint Rules [[27.9571.02000](#)], for a special session of the Legislative Assembly. Ms. Dittus noted the proposed special session rules amendments are intended, in part, to expedite floor procedures.

Chairman Hogue noted:

- The proposed rules amendments are substantially similar to the rules used in previous special sessions.
- Two proposed amendments relate to the 2027 regular session, but need to be changed now to be applicable before the 2027 session.
- All the proposed amendments must be approved by the members of the House and Senate.

Chairman Hogue called on Ms. Liz Fordahl, Counsel, Legislative Council, to review proposed changes to the [North Dakota Legislative Assembly Policy Against Workplace Harassment](#), the [Workplace Harassment Complaint Form](#), the [Workplace Harassment Intake Checklist](#), and the [Workplace Harassment Complaint Investigation Checklist](#).

Chairman Hogue noted the proposed changes to the policy relating to the informal resolution of a complaint provide an alleged victim of harassment a degree of control over the process.

It was moved by Senator Boschee, seconded by Representative Bosch, and carried on a roll call vote that the report of the Legislative Procedure and Arrangements Committee, including proposed rules amendments and proposed changes to the North Dakota Legislative Assembly

Policy Against Workplace Harassment, the Workplace Harassment Complaint Form, the Workplace Harassment Intake Checklist, and the Workplace Harassment Complaint Investigation Checklist be accepted. Senators Hogue, Bekkedahl, Boschee, Klein, Myrdal, and Sorvaag and Representatives Bosch, Frelich, Hager, Hagert, Hauck, Ista, Lefor, Warrey, and Weisz voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

Chairman Hogue called on Ms. Megan J. Gordon, Code Revisor, Legislative Council, to present proposed agendas for the [House](#) and [Senate](#) for the first day of the special legislative session, Wednesday, January 21, 2026.

It was moved by Representative Hagert, seconded by Senator Myrdal, and carried on a roll call vote that the proposed agendas for the House and Senate be approved. Senators Hogue, Bekkedahl, Boschee, Klein, Myrdal, and Sorvaag and Representatives Bosch, Frelich, Hager, Hagert, Hauck, Ista, Lefor, Warrey, and Weisz voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

Chairman Hogue called on Senator Bekkedahl to present the [report of the Rural Health Transformation Committee](#).

In response to questions from committee members, Mr. Pat Traynor, Interim Commissioner, Department of Health and Human Services, noted:

- The department will enter agreements requiring outcome reporting from recipients of funds.
- The department will attempt to expedite federal approvals by creating advance request templates.
- Regular reports will be provided to legislative committees and the Office of Management and Budget.
- Funding to support emergency medical and ambulance services will be part of the state's application. However, there are concerns with equipment needs and the availability of equipment.
- There likely will be significant competition to obtain technical assistance and consultants.

It was moved by Representative Hauck, seconded by Representative Frelich, and carried on a roll call vote that the report of the Rural Health Transformation Committee be accepted. Senators Hogue, Bekkedahl, Boschee, Klein, Myrdal, and Sorvaag and Representatives Bosch, Frelich, Hager, Hagert, Hauck, Ista, Lefor, Warrey, and Weisz voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

No further business appearing, Chairman Hogue adjourned the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

John Bjornson
Director