



TRIBAL AND STATE RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 13, 2026
Spirit Lake Casino and Resort, 7889 Highway 57
St. Michael, North Dakota

- 1:00 p.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the [minutes of the April 13, 2026, meeting](#)
- 1:05 p.m. Discussion by representatives of the Spirit Lake Tribe regarding tribal-state issues, including government-to-government relations, human services, education, corrections, and issues related to the promotion of economic development
- 2:00 p.m. Presentation by Mr. Randy Thompson, Tax Director, Benson County Tax Equalization, regarding county taxation issues related to taxation of land owned by enrolled tribal members
- 2:30 p.m. Presentation by Dr. Steven Smith, President, Cankdeska Cikana Community College, regarding an overview of the college
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:10 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Krista Fremming, Interim Director, Medical Services Division, Department of Health and Human Services, regarding Section 1115 Medicaid waivers and the cost of applying
- 3:40 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Eric Bailly, Founder, NorthStar Behavioral Health Advisory, regarding the impacts of institutions for mental diseases waivers
- 4:00 p.m. Presentation by Ms. Sara Otte Coleman, Director, and Ms. McKenzie Redmann, Program Administrator, Tourism and Marketing Division, Department of Commerce, regarding the distribution, use, and impact of tribal tourism grants
- 4:10 p.m. Committee discussion and directives
- 4:40 p.m. Public comments
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn

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

Committee Members

Representatives: Dawson Holle (Chairman), Collette Brown, Matthew Heilman, Jon O. Nelson
Senators: Richard Marcellais, Tim Mathern, Scott Meyer

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