



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 11, 2026
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

Representative Brandy L. Pyle, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Members present: Senators Todd Beard, Jerry Klein, Janne Myrdal, Kristin Roers; Representatives Clayton Fegley, Donna Henderson, Zachary Ista,* Andrew Marschall, Carrie McLeod, Brandy L. Pyle, Dan Ruby, Vicky Steiner, Christina Wolff

Members absent: Senators Bob Paulson, Mike Wobbema; Representatives Daniel Johnston, Donald W. Longmuir, Bernie Satrom

Others present: Sandra DePountis, Board of Medicine; Molly Herrington, Office of Management and Budget; Thomas Lawler, North Dakota Lottery; Courtney Olson, Board of Examiners on Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology; James Schmidt, State Electrical Board; Ned Kruger, Department of Mineral Resources; Derrick Hohbein, Public Employees Retirement System; Lacesha Graham, Department of Health and Human Services; Aaron Hummel and Allyson Hicks, Attorney General's office

**Attended remotely*

It was moved by Senator Roers, seconded by Representative Steiner, and carried on a voice vote that the minutes of the March 12, 2026, meeting be approved as distributed.

BOARD OF MEDICINE

Ms. Sandra DePountis, Executive Director, Board of Medicine, provided testimony ([Appendix A](#)) regarding a request for an extension to amend North Dakota Administrative Code (NDAC) Title 50 to implement House Bill No. 1022 (2025).

It was moved by Senator Roers, seconded by Representative McLeod, and carried on a voice vote that the Board of Medicine be granted an extension to adopt rules to implement House Bill No. 1022.

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Ms. Molly Herrington, Chief People Officer, Human Resource Management Services Division, Office of Management and Budget, provided testimony ([Appendix B](#)) regarding the July 2026 rules of the agency.

In response to a question from a committee member, Ms. Allyson Hicks, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's office, noted the definitions and standards for hard-to-fill occupations are established under North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Section 54-06-31.

NORTH DAKOTA LOTTERY

Mr. Thomas Lawler, Director, North Dakota Lottery, provided testimony ([Appendix C](#)) regarding the July 2026 rules of the North Dakota Lottery.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS ON AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Ms. Courtney Olson, Licensing and Secretary, Board of Examiners on Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, provided testimony ([Appendix D](#)) regarding the July 2026 rules of the board.

STATE ELECTRICAL BOARD

Mr. James Schmidt, Executive Director, State Electrical Board, provided testimony ([Appendix E](#)) regarding the July 2026 rules of the board.

In response to questions from committee members, Mr. Schmidt noted the rules related to conveyances are the result of statutory changes enacted in Senate Bill No. 2336 (2025) and the membership of the board is established in NDCC Section 43-09-02.

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

Mr. Ned Kruger, Regulatory Program Lead, Geological Survey Division, Department of Mineral Resources, Industrial Commission, provided testimony ([Appendix F](#)) regarding the July 2026 rules of the commission.

In response to a question from a committee member, Mr. Kruger noted exploration data used to determine critical mineral concentrations, like other exploration data, which is provided to the commission is kept confidential for a duration of 1 year, and the duration may be extended at the discretion of the Industrial Commission.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD

Mr. Derrick Hohbein, Chief Financial and Operating Officer, Public Employees Retirement System, provided testimony ([Appendix G](#)) regarding the July 2026 rules of the board.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Ms. Lachesha Graham, Manager, Addiction Treatment and Recovery Program, Behavioral Health Division, Department of Health and Human Services, provided testimony ([Appendix H](#)) regarding the July 2026 rules of the department.

STATE GAMING COMMISSION

Mr. Aaron Hummel, Director, Gaming Commission, Attorney General's office, provided testimony ([Appendix I](#)) regarding the July 2026 rules of the State Gaming Commission.

It was moved by Senator Myrdal, seconded by Representative Wolff, and carried on a roll call vote that NDAC Section 99-01.3-09-01 related to poker tournament fee limits be voided under NDCC Section 28-32-18(1) due to an absence of statutory authority. Representatives Pyle, Fegley, Henderson, Marschall, McLeod, Ruby, Steiner, and Wolff and Senators Beard, Klein, Myrdal, and Roers voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

No further business appearing, Vice Chairman Pyle adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.

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