



LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY

Tuesday, June 30, 2026
Harvest Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

Representative Nathan Toman, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Members present: Representatives Nathan Toman, Glenn Bosch, Robin Weisz; Senators Kyle Davison,* Kathy Hogan, Chuck Walen; Citizen Members Jonathan Casper,* Joshua C. Gallion, Joe Morrisette

Member absent: Citizen Member Alan S. Dohrmann

Others present: Tag Anderson, Office of Management and Budget; Karla Mongeon-Stewart, University of North Dakota

See [Appendix A](#) for additional persons present.

**Attended remotely*

It was moved by Senator Hogan, seconded by Senator Walen, and carried on a voice vote that the minutes of the March 25, 2026, meeting be amended on page 3 to remove the phrase "to contract with a security vendor" and be approved as amended.

Mr. Levi Kinnischtzke, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Council, presented information regarding a bill draft [[27.0161.01000](#)] related to concessions, as proposed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

Ms. Sherry Neas, Director, Shared Services Division, Office of Management and Budget, presented information ([Appendix B](#)) regarding the agency's proposed statutory changes contained in the bill draft related to concessions and OMB's other recent government efficiency efforts. She noted:

- The bill draft would amend North Dakota Century Code Chapter 48-09 to increase the competitive threshold for soliciting bids for concessions services from \$25,000 to \$50,000 and to create an option to issue a request for proposal to select the most advantageous concessions contractor.
- During the last task force meeting, OMB suggested amending Chapter 54-44.7 to provide any agency may create a prequalified vendor pool to expedite and simplify the process to procure those services; however, meetings with industry representatives have resulted in the conclusion to not proceed with the suggested amendments.
- OMB has met with the North Dakota Newspaper Association to discuss amendments to Chapter 46-05 related to updating the definition of what is a legal newspaper and to recognize changing technology and newspaper delivery methods.
- OMB determined that questions regarding purchases of products under Section 32-12.2-15 may be addressed through OMB policy clarifications instead of statutory amendments.
- OMB and the Center for Distance Education met to clarify that the OMB alternative procurement process is not required if an agency has statutory authority for a noncompetitive purchase and determined no statutory amendments are necessary on this topic.

In response to a question from a task force member, Mr. Tag Anderson, Director, Risk Management Division, Office of Management and Budget, noted the \$20,000 threshold established in Section 32-12.2-15 allows the state to have a standard regarding what is considered a routine or standardized product and whether a contract should be negotiated for certain products.

Ms. Karla Mongeon-Stewart, Vice President for Finance and Operations, University of North Dakota, presented information regarding the the status of interagency collaboration between higher education and OMB related to statutory changes submitted by the University of North Dakota to the task force during the March 25, 2026, meeting. She noted the university and OMB have met and discussed procurement and public improvement concerns and challenges since the last task force meeting and look forward to future collaboration between OMB and all higher education institutions.

Mr. Kinnischtzke presented information regarding a 2025 bill draft [[25.1399.01000](#)] related to reporting requirements for state programs.

Task force members expressed interest in revising the bill draft to include input from Legislative Council employees on state agency program metrics, data collection, and program results analyses for consideration at a future meeting.

Mr. John Bjornson, Director, Legislative Council, presented information regarding the status of the Legislative Council staff expansion. He noted 3 of the 4 new full-time equivalent (FTE) program evaluator positions have been hired and an additional 4 FTE program evaluation positions and 1 FTE division director position may be requested during the 2027 legislative session. He noted the Legislative Council's first program evaluation, regarding state child care services, will be presented to the Human Services Committee later this interim.

No further business appearing, Chairman Toman adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m.

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