



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES COMMITTEE

Monday, September 14, 2026
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

Senator Bob Paulson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Members present: Senators Bob Paulson, Todd Beard,* Jerry Klein, Janne Myrdal,* Kristin Roers, Mike Wobbema; Representatives Clayton Fegley, Donna Henderson, Zachary Ista,* Daniel Johnston,* Donald W. Longmuir,* Andrew Marschall, Carrie McLeod,* Brandy L. Pyle, Dan Ruby,* Bernie Satrom,* Vicky Steiner,* Christina Wolff*

Others present: Senator Jeffery J. Magrum

Karl Rockeman and Robin Beyer, Department of Environmental Quality; Julie Wagendorf and Jason Wahl, Department of Health and Human Services; Jim Upgren, Department of Public Instruction; Terry Novak, Lankin; Tom Schimelfenig, Bowdon; Dan Mittleider, Tappen; Crystal Fahlsing, Dickinson; Kelly Wanzek,* Fargo

**Attended remotely*

It was moved by Representative Longmuir, seconded by Senator Roers, and carried on a voice vote that the minutes of the June 11, 2026, meeting be approved as distributed.

OFFICE OF GUARDIANSHIP AND CONSERVATORSHIP

Ms. Liz Fordahl, Counsel, Legislative Council, distributed testimony ([Appendix A](#)) provided by Ms. Rachel Sinness, Executive Director, Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship, requesting an extension to adopt rules to implement Senate Bill 2029 (2025).

It was moved by Senator Myrdal, seconded by Representative Wolff, and carried on a voice vote that the Office of Guardianship and Conservatorship be granted an extension to adopt rules to implement Senate Bill 2029.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Mr. Karl Rockeman, Deputy Director, Department of Environmental Quality, provided testimony ([Appendix B](#)) regarding the October 2026 rules of the department.

In response to questions from committee members, Mr. Rockeman noted the department seeks to strike a balance between environmental protection and flexibility for the regulated community while adhering to statutory authority.

Mr. Terry Novak, Senator Jeffery J. Magrum, Mr. Tom Schimelfenig, and Mr. Dan Mittleider, members of the regulated community, provided testimony regarding the proposed rules related to septic system installation.

It was moved by Senator Klein, seconded by Representative Marschall, and carried on a roll call vote that North Dakota Administrative Code Chapter 33.1-21-01 be held over for consideration to the next meeting. Senators Paulson, Beard, Klein, Myrdal, Roers, and Wobbema and Representatives Fegley, Henderson, Ista, Johnston, Longmuir, Marschall, McLeod, Pyle, Ruby, Satrom, Steiner, and Wolff voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

Ms. Robin Beyer, Hazardous Waste Program Manager, Department of Environmental Quality, provided testimony ([Appendix C](#)) regarding the October 2026 rules of the department.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Ms. Julie Wagendorf, Director, Food and Lodging Division, Department of Health and Human Services, provided testimony ([Appendix D](#)) regarding the October 2026 rules of the department.

Ms. Allyson Hicks, Director, General Counsel Division, Attorney General's office, provided testimony regarding House Bill 1071 (2025), a substantive bill related to tattoo and body art, which required amendments to rules related to tattoo and body art to reflect statutory changes thereby providing the department the opportunity to update tattoo and body art rules to reflect industry advancements as the rules had not been updated since 2007.

Ms. Crystal Fahlsing and Ms. Kelly Wanzek, members of the regulated community, provided testimony regarding the proposed rules related to tattoo and body art.

It was moved by Representative Henderson, seconded by Representative Fegley, and carried on a roll call vote that Chapters 33-41-01 and 33-41-01.1 be held over for consideration to the next meeting. Senators Paulson, Beard, Klein, Myrdal, Roers, and Wobbema and Representatives Fegley, Henderson, Ista, Johnston, Longmuir, Marschall, McLeod, Pyle, Ruby, Satrom, Steiner, and Wolff voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

Mr. Jason Wahl, Director, Medical Marijuana Division, Department of Health and Human Services, provided testimony ([Appendix E](#)) regarding the October 2026 rules of the department.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Mr. Jim Upgren, Assistant Director, Office of School Approval and Opportunity, Department of Public Instruction, provided testimony ([Appendix F](#)) regarding the October 2026 rules of the department.

No further business appearing, Chairman Paulson adjourned the meeting at 12:54 p.m.

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