



GOVERNMENT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 1, 2026
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

10:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the June 25, 2026, meeting
Comments by the Chairman

STATE BUDGET INFORMATION

10:05 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of the following:

- 69th Legislative Assembly State Budget Actions Supplement for the 2025-27 biennium
- 2026 North Dakota Finance Facts pocket brochure

10:20 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:

- The status of the General Fund for the 2025-27 biennium
- Selected special fund balances
- Reports from each executive branch agency receiving federal funds of a plan to operate the agency if federal funds received by the agency would be reduced by 5 percent or more pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 54-27-27.1

BUILDING PERMITS AND FIRE INSPECTIONS FOR STATE BUILDINGS

10:40 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Office of Management and Budget regarding local building permits and fire inspections for state buildings

10:55 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Insurance Department regarding the status of fire inspections of state buildings, including any potential changes to the inspection process

11:15 a.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion regarding local building permits and required fire inspections under Section 18-08-12 for state buildings

STATE AGENCY FEES STUDY

11:30 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a report regarding state agency fees pursuant to Section 54-35-27

11:40 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of the following:

- A revised bill draft regarding updates to the state agency fees study, including the removal of obsolete provisions
- A bill draft regarding an increase to driver's license fees

11:45 a.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion regarding the bill drafts

12:00 noon Recess

FIXED ROUTE CITY TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS STUDY

1:00 p.m. Review by the Legislative Council staff of a bill draft regarding grant funding for fixed route city transportation services

1:05 p.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion regarding the bill draft

LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING STUDY

1:20 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff and a representative of Klein McCarthy Architects regarding plans for future legislative space needs, including a legislative office building and parking facilities

2:20 p.m. Comments by interested persons and committee discussion regarding the legislative office building study

DISCUSSION AND FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

2:50 p.m. Review by the Legislative Council staff of the committee's studies and recommendations

3:00 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's studies and final recommendations

3:15 p.m. Adjourn

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

Committee Members

Senators: Randy A. Burckhard (Chairman), Jeff Barta, Justin Gerhardt, Richard Marcellais, Donald Schaible, Chuck Walen

Representatives: Bert Anderson, Jason Dockter, Ty Dressler, Austin Foss, Jim Grueneich, Patrick R. Hatlestad, Craig Headland, Lisa Meier, Mike Nathe, Dave Rustebakke, Vicky Steiner, Gregory Stemen, Kelby Timmons

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