

LEGISLATIVE ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION
Under Constitution and Statute
FIRST DAY - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020

- 9:00 - 11:15 a.m. New legislators meet in the Brynhild Haugland Room for presentations on the following topics:
- Legislative Council services to legislators (15 minutes)
 - Division of powers and duties among the three branches of government - Responsibilities of the legislative branch (15 minutes)
 - Legislative branch structure - Committees, officers, employees (10 minutes)
 - Affiliated organizations:
 - Council of State Governments and Midwest Council of State Governments (20 minutes) - Michael McCabe, Director and Laura Tomaka, Senior Program Manager, CSG Midwestern office
 - National Conference of State Legislatures (15 minutes) - Karmen Hanson, Program Director and North Dakota Liaison
 - Midwestern Higher Education Commission (15 minutes) - Susan Heegaard, President
 - Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (15 minutes) - Demaree Michelau, President,
 - Education Commission of the States (15 minutes) - Deven Scott, State Relations Associate
 - Commission on Uniform State Laws (15 minutes) - Representative Lawrence R. Klemin
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- 1:00 p.m. Senate and House convene in respective chambers

Order of Business

Senate

1. Call to order by the Lieutenant Governor
2. Prayer by Pastor Rich Wyatt, Living Hope Church of the Nazarene
3. Certification of members by Secretary of State
4. Roll call
5. Chief Justice Jon J. Jensen administers Oath of Office to newly elected members
6. Adoption of temporary rules
7. Explanation and distribution of legislators' packets and other materials - *John Bjornson, Director, Legislative Council*

House

1. Call to order by Representative Lawrence R. Klemin (See NDCC Section 54-03-04)
2. Prayer by Pastor Keith Ritchie, Cornerstone Community Church
3. Certification of members by Secretary of State
4. Roll call
5. Justice Jerod Tufte administers Oath of Office to newly elected members
6. Adoption of temporary rules
7. Explanation and distribution of legislators' packets and other materials - *Vonette J. Richter, Legal Division Director, Legislative Council*

- 1:45 p.m. Recess

- 2:00 p.m. Caucuses of respective parties for discussion of organizational matters in assigned rooms:
 Senate Majority - Harvest Room
 Senate Minority - Fort Lincoln Room
 House Majority - Brynhild Haugland Room
 House Minority - Prairie Room
- 2:20 p.m. Senate and House reconvene

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| <p>8. Election of Secretary of the Senate</p> <p>9. Election of Journal Reporter</p> <p>10. Election of Sergeant-at-Arms</p> <p>11. Lieutenant Governor administers Oath of Office to Secretary of the Senate, Journal Reporter, and Sergeant-at-Arms</p> <p>12. Election of President Pro Tempore</p> <p>13. Selection of seats</p> <p>14. Appointment of procedural committees:
 a. Temporary committee to inform Governor and House that Senate is organized (3)
 b. Committee on Committees (8)
 c. Delayed Bills (5)
 d. Committee Rooms (3)
 e. Employment (5)
 f. Correction and Revision of the Journal (3)
 g. Rules (9)</p> <p>15. Committee and administrative announcements
 a. Each legislator must meet with photographer for taking official photograph before adjournment.
 b. Returning legislators can sign up for training courses scheduled for Wednesday. Signup lists are located at the Legislative Council reception desk.</p> | <p>8. Election of Chief Clerk of the House</p> <p>9. Election of Journal Reporter</p> <p>10. Election of Sergeant-at-Arms</p> <p>11. Former Speaker administers Oath of Office to Chief Clerk of the House, Journal Reporter, and Sergeant-at-Arms</p> <p>12. Election of Speaker and administration of Oath of Office by former Speaker</p> <p>13. Selection of seats</p> <p>14. Appointment of procedural committees:
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 f. Correction and Revision of the Journal (5)
 g. Rules (7)</p> |
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3:00 p.m. Adjournment until 9:00 a.m. Wednesday

3:15 p.m. Meeting of Rules and Employment Committees of each house in announced rooms
 Meeting of Senate Committee on Committees and House Committee on Committees
 Meeting of any other committee at the call of the chairmen as announced prior to recess

3:15 - 5:15 p.m. New legislator laptop computer distribution and training session in the Roughrider Room. The session is 2 hours in length and is limited to 10 legislators. Additional distribution and training sessions are available after adjournment on Thursday. Signup is at the Legislative Council reception desk. The session includes laptop computer distribution, cybersecurity training, review of policies governing computer use, training on software applications used by legislators, correspondence templates, printing, virtual private network (VPN), and remote network access. Tablet computer distribution and training for new legislators will be held separately after adjournment on Thursday.

SECOND DAY - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020

- 9:00 a.m. Reconvene in respective chambers
 Prayer by chaplain
 Senate - Pastor Keith Ritchie, Cornerstone Community Church
 House - Pastor Kai Hardee, Gateway Community Fellowship
 Roll call and announcements

- 9:10 a.m. **Joint Session - House Chamber**
 Report of findings and recommendations of interim committees by the Chairman of the Legislative Management, the Director of the Legislative Council, the Legislative Budget Analyst and Auditor, and the Legal Division Director of the Legislative Council
 Presentation on workplace harassment policy and on legislative ethics and laws, social media, and rules governing the activities and conduct of public officials
 Remarks on workplace harassment and legislative ethics - Majority Leaders
 Remarks on workplace harassment and legislative ethics - Minority Leaders
- 10:45 a.m. Adjournment until 8:30 a.m. Thursday
- 11:00 a.m. New legislators meet in the Brynhild Haugland Room for presentations and a question and answer session on the legislative process:
- Explanation of legislative rules (15 minutes)
 - Explanation of daily routine of the House and Senate - Floor procedures, orders of business, "carrying" bills (15 minutes)
 - Explanation of the procedure a bill follows to become law - Introduction, hearings, amendment, crossover, conference committee, final passage, presentation to Governor (15 minutes)
 - Explanation of unique statutory requirements for certain bills (5 minutes)
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- 2:15 p.m. Caucuses of respective parties for discussion of legislative rules amendments:
 Senate Majority - Harvest Room
 Senate Minority - Fort Lincoln Room
 House Majority - Brynhild Haugland Room
 House Minority - Prairie Room
 Meetings of committees at call of the chairmen
- 2:45 p.m. Legislators not otherwise occupied meet in the Brynhild Haugland Room for presentations on the purpose and use of legislative documents:
- Bills, resolutions, amendments (committee reports), Session Laws, and North Dakota Century Code
 - Daily calendars, weekly committee schedules, journals, and bill status
 - Budget status reports, fiscal notes, and executive budget report
 - Committee minutes and Legislative Management reports - Legislative Council's library and records
- 2:45 - 4:15 p.m. Returning legislator laptop computer training session in the Roughrider Room. The session is 90 minutes in length and is limited to 40 legislators. Signup is at the Legislative Council reception desk. Training includes a refresher on the laptop computers, virtual private network (VPN), legislative applications, LAWS, document synchronization between laptop and tablet computers, email quota and archive, correspondence templates, printing, and remote desktop support network access.

2:45 - Returning legislator tablet computer training session in the Harvest Room. The session
4:15 p.m. will be 90 minutes in length and is limited to 20 legislators. Signup is at the Legislative Council reception desk. This training includes virtual private network (VPN), legislative applications, operating system and application updates, creating and editing documents, note taking, document synchronization between laptop and tablet computers, remote network access, and other topics. For complete tablet computer training, see the training sessions scheduled after adjournment on Thursday.

THIRD DAY - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020

8:00 a.m. Call to order in respective chambers
Prayer by chaplain
Senate - Pastor Kai Hardee, Gateway Community Fellowship
House - Pastor Rich Wyatt, Living Hope Church of the Nazarene
Roll call
Recess

8:10 a.m. Caucuses of respective parties for discussion of committee assignments:
Senate Majority - Harvest Room
Senate Minority - Fort Lincoln Room
House Majority - Brynhild Haugland Room
House Minority - Prairie Room

8:40 a.m. Reconvene
Committee reports (including announcements of standing committee appointments)
Selection and administration of oath of any officer not selected on Tuesday
Adoption of permanent rules
All other unfinished business
Announcements

9:40 a.m. Recess

9:55 a.m. Reconvene in House Chamber

10:00 a.m. **Joint Session - House Chamber**
Presentation by the Governor of the executive budget and revenue proposals

10:45 a.m. Adjourn

11:00 a.m. Budget Section convenes in Senate Chamber

12:00 noon - New legislator laptop computer distribution and training session in the Roughrider Room.
2:00 p.m. The session is 2 hours in length and is limited to 10 legislators. Signup is at the Legislative Council reception desk. The session includes laptop computer distribution, review of policies governing computer use, training on software applications used by legislators, document synchronization between laptop and tablet computers, correspondence templates, printing, virtual private network (VPN), and remote network access. Attendees will be directed to a different room for cybersecurity training.

12:00 noon - New and returning legislator tablet computer distribution and training session in the
2:00 p.m. Harvest Room. The session will be 2 hours in length and is limited to 15 legislators. Signup is at the Legislative Council reception desk.

2:30 - New legislator laptop computer distribution and training session in the Roughrider Room.
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4:30 p.m. Harvest Room. The session will be 2 hours in length and is limited to 15 legislators. Signup is at the Legislative Council reception desk.

NOTE: The Budget Section will meet in the Senate Chamber to receive detailed information regarding the executive budget and conduct other business on Thursday morning at 11:00 a.m. and is scheduled to adjourn by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. All legislators named to the Appropriations Committees, the Majority and Minority Leaders and their assistants, and the Speaker of the House serve on the Budget Section. Other legislators also may attend the Budget Section meeting.