



JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 31, 2023
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

- 9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Comments by the Chairman
- 9:10 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of the [Supplementary Rules of Operation and Procedure of the North Dakota Legislative Management](#)

CHARITABLE GAMING STUDY

- 9:15 a.m. [Presentation](#) by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the committee's study of charitable gaming
- 9:25 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Deborah McDaniel, Director, State Gaming Commission, Attorney General's office, regarding charitable gaming throughout the state
- 10:10 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Lisa K. Vig-Johnson, Director, Gamblers Choice, Department of Health and Human Services, relating to the economic and societal impacts of gambling addiction in the state and treatment services
- 10:50 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Melissa Harvey, Gaming Manager, Horace Lions Club, and The Arc, Upper Valley, relating to the possible addition of new games and existing limitations, restrictions, and oversight, and the civic benefit of charitable gaming to the communities most closely related to the gaming sites
- 11:05 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Don Santer, Chief Executive Officer, North Dakota Association for the Disabled, regarding the economic impact of charitable gaming on the state and the civic benefit and public support for charitable gaming
- 11:25 a.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Janelle Mitzel, President, Charitable Gaming Association of North Dakota, regarding the addition of new charitable games and existing limitations, restrictions, and oversight
- 11:45 a.m. Comments by interested persons
- 12:00 noon Recess
- 1:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Bryan Nelson, Board Member, North Dakota Hospitality Association, regarding the hospitality industry's perspective on charitable gaming
- 1:15 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Rick Stenseth, Gaming Manager, Northern Prairie Performing Arts and The Team Makers Club Inc., regarding the economic impact of charitable gaming on the state in urban and rural areas, gaming expansion, and the civic benefit of charitable gaming to the state
- 1:40 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Scott Meske, North Dakota Gaming Alliance, regarding the benefits and support of charitable gaming in North Dakota ([video](#))
- 1:55 p.m. Comments by interested persons
- 2:05 p.m. Committee discussion

MUNICIPAL COURT STUDY

- 2:15 p.m. [Presentation](#) by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum regarding the committee's study of the municipal courts
- 2:25 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Chief Justice Jon J. Jensen and Ms. Sally Holewa, State Court Administrator, Supreme Court, regarding the number and geographic location of existing municipal courts, jurisdiction of the municipal courts, municipal court judge qualifications and training, Supreme Court oversight of municipal courts, and requirements to report information to the Supreme Court on the establishment or abolition of a court and the election, appointment, and removal of municipal court judges and clerks
- 2:45 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Stephanie Dassinger Engebretson, Deputy Director, North Dakota League of Cities, regarding local insight on municipal courts
- 3:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Judge William Severin, Municipal Court Judge, regarding municipal courts from a judge's perspective
- 3:15 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Rachael M. Hendrickson, Prosecutor, City of Dunseith's Municipal Court, regarding the prosecutorial process in municipal court and municipal court challenges and issues
- 3:40 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Ms. Taylor D. Olson, President, State Bar Association of North Dakota, regarding municipal court procedures

REPORTS

- 4:00 p.m. Receipt of a [report](#) from the Supreme Court on the status of the program to assist rural counties and municipalities in recruiting attorneys
- 4:05 p.m. [Presentation](#) by Mr. Jason Wahl, Director, Division of Medical Marijuana, Department of Health and Human Services, of an annual report relating to medical marijuana in the state
- 4:25 p.m. Committee discussion
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn

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

Committee Members

Senators: Janne Myrdal (Chairman), Ryan Braunberger, Michael Dwyer, Judy Estenson, Diane Larson, Bob Paulson, Jonathan Sickler

Representatives: Claire Cory, Matt Heilman, Pat D. Heinert, Karen Karls, Jim Kasper, Lawrence R. Klemin, Ben Koppelman, Nico Rios, Shannon Roers Jones, Bernie Satrom, Kelby Timmons, Lori VanWinkle

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