

NDSCS Foundation Full Board Meeting Minutes

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, as a regular meeting of the Foundation Full Board of NDSCS, Wahpeton, North Dakota, and held at the CIC in Fargo, ND on August 14, 2025.

Members present: Mark Beyer, Julie Vculek, Paige Kjesbo (VP), Chad Wehri (President), Pam Erlandson, Tom Steinolfson, Vicky Schafer, Steve Farden, Dee Jensen, Josh Dozak, and Jeff Leinen.

Absent: Daric Pfingsten, Heather Miller, Kendra Klosterman, Roger Worner, Korey Skovholt, Hugh Veit, Megan Kummer, Beth Dohman, Rich Slagle, and Andrew Mauch

Ex-officio member absent: Rod Flanigan

Foundation and NDSCS Staff present: Kim Nelson, Denise Laymon, and Matthew Hallaway. **Absent:** Reggie Jackson

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chad Wehri, President.

A motion was made by Hugh Veit and seconded by Josh Dozak to approve the agenda with the following changes: move Dr. Flanigan to follow Challenge Grant update and land lab update. Motion carried.

Hugh made a motion to approve the minutes from February 7, 2025, and Paige seconded, motion carried.

A financial update was provided by Paige. It has been a wild ride in 2025. Diversification has been a positive approach to the Foundation's portfolio. The recommendation is to hold steady at this time.

Kim Nelson updated the board on the budget. As in the past, the Foundation runs with a deficit through most of the year as parking lot rent, administrative fees, DREAMS income and other income is received in the spring. Kim was confident the budget is looking pretty good.

Yoney presented the progress for the Annual and Club giving. 12,000 letters were sent out originally with a second mailing taking place in spring, followed by calls to individuals. Work will continue to the end of the fiscal year to make goal. Sponsorships are strong, exceeding goal. Matthew shared there would be an audit throughout the campus to understand all of the sponsorship opportunities and possibly streamlining the process a bit and reviewing naming rights.

The Challenge Grant funding is still being confirmed by legislature. This program is crucial to obtain classroom equipment and support for endowments.

Jeff received an update from the Ag Instructor. Beans will be planted this spring, there will be no summer field day.

Dr. Flanigan expects the legislation to be wrapped up on Saturday, May 3rd. At this time 1.3 million has been allocated to NDSCS. Enrollment and credits are up. There is an internal dual credit study being done which may negatively impact the college if there is to be any changes.

The new program Aviation Maintenance will start this fall. An instructor is in the process of being hired. A need for an additional instructor is preferred.

HLC Accreditation went well. Special thanks to those who made the process easier. Graduation is May 16th. It is expected that there will be a large turnout this year.

Matthew presented the 2026 budget for approval. Roger made a motion to accept the proposed budget, Dee seconded. Motion carried.

The board terms and officers slate was presented. Kendra made a motion to approve, Beth seconded. Motion carried.

DREAMS Auction recap was provided by Kim. The 30th was the best year. Donations were at the highest and after expenses it was the most profitable year. 30% of the attendees were first timers. Matthew confirmed that there would be an event held on April 10, 2026. It may look a little different, but it is important to host a community event.

Meet and Greet are being planned. Bismarck will be June 24th, Ottertail will be July 19th. Bell Tower event is TBD.

Break 10:00-10:15.

Reggie Jackson provided an athletic update. The college now has a bus that holds 52-56 people. The Foundation provided the wrap and is the major bus sponsor.

Softball and baseball games are happening. The new turf should be complete by fall. The BAC will have a new conference room and the coaches will each have their own office. Reggie has been working on implementing electronic gaming at Twin Town Tavern. The last bingo game was April 29th.

Hugh gave an update on the CIC. The commitment by the Foundation to complete their pledge will be overseen by Matthew. The ribbon cutting is scheduled for August 14th. It was noted the importance of keeping 19th Avenue North.

Matthew provided highlights of his first 5 months.

1. DREAMS will take place in the future

2. He attended the Bismarck Legislative Session
3. He is working with Tabitha and marketing on the new alumni web pages
4. He joined the Chamber Ambassadors
5. He has been attending the Science of Leadership meetings
6. He has been attending several of the advisory meetings
7. He expressed the need to do a 3-5 year strategic plan with board participation

The board meeting date of August 22nd is being reviewed.

Josh made a motion to adjourn, Tom seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:17

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Laymon

Approved 11.14.25