

Meeting Minutes: Governmental Affairs Committee**Date/Time:** August 31, 2026 – 12:00 p.m.**Location:** District Office Board Room**Start:** 12:00 p.m. **End:** 12:57 p.m.**Committee Members Present:** Robin Nelson, Jolene Garty, Greg Clark, Nikkie Gullickson, Kristin Nelson**Committee Members Absent:****Board Members Present:****Staff Members Present:** Dr. Cory Steiner, Dr. Robert Grosz, Tara Brandner, Jackie Gapp, and Bill Westrick**Recorder:** Catherine Edgerton

Agenda Item	Discussion – Conclusion	Recommendations/Actions
Approval of Meeting Minutes	The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes of the April 27, 2026 meeting.	Minutes will be posted on the Board's section of the public website.
Review of GP-7	The Committee reviewed GP-7, Committee Structure, and proposed no changes.	
ND Constitution, Education nd1.lc bd 17	The Committee reviewed the North Dakota Constitution, specifically Article VIII regarding education.	
Identify Board Member Home District	Chair Robin Nelson asked Committee members to identify their home district.	Ms. Nelson will create a form with the Board member's home districts.
Info Sessions: Fall Session, West Fargo Partnership	The Committee has chosen November 18 at 7:00 a.m. for their Fall Informational Session with local legislators. Ms. Nelson also asked members if they would be interested in partnering with West Fargo Public Schools during the legislative session. Discussion occurred.	Ms. Nelson will reach out to West Fargo Public Schools regarding core priorities, a legislator crossover session, and the potential of Friday meetings.
Identify Predictable Legislation	Ms. Nelson asked Committee members to identify predictable legislation. Topics included regulating screen time, property tax reform, tax incentives, special education funding, group benefit plans, artificial intelligence use, before and after school programming, and the funding formula. Legislative priorities were also reviewed and discussed.	Administration will provide a draft of legislative priorities for the Committee to review at the September meeting.
Compose Calendar/Work Plan	Ms. Nelson presented the Committee with a planning calendar for 2026-27. Discussion occurred.	
Establish Regular Meeting Time	The Committee will meet every 4 th Monday of the month except for November and December. Due to holidays, the Committee will meet on November 9 and December 14.	

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Next Meeting Date	The next Governmental Affairs Committee will take place on Monday, September 28, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.	