

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Industrial Commission of North Dakota

Held on March 17, 2026, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Governor's Conference Room – State Capitol

Present: Governor Kelly Armstrong, Chairman

By Teleconf: Attorney General Drew H. Wrigley

Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring

Also Present: This meeting was open through Microsoft Teams so not all attendees are known.

Governor Armstrong called the meeting of the Industrial Commission to order at approximately 8:03 a.m.

Executive Director Karen Tyler took attendance, and all Commission members were in attendance either in person or via teleconference.

Governor Armstrong invited the room to stand and join the Commission in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA

Mr. Don Morgan presented for consideration of approval the Furloughed Federal Employee Relief Program (FFERP) 2.0. The loan program is structured to provide financial assistance to employees of the Department of Homeland Securities impacted by the partial federal government shutdown. In North Dakota, DHS employees impacted include approximately 200 Transportation Security Administration (TSA) employees at commercial airports in North Dakota including Fargo, Grand Forks, Bismarck, Minot, Dickinson, Jamestown and Williston, and also U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CPB) employees with 50 agents stationed at Pembina as well as agents at the Williston, Minot, and Grand Forks airports and the Grand Forks Air Force Base.

It was moved by Commissioner Goehring and seconded by Attorney General Wrigley that the Industrial Commission direct the Bank of North Dakota to reopen the previously established Furloughed Federal Employee Relief Program for the duration of the current federal government shutdown.

On a roll call vote, Governor Armstrong, Attorney General Wrigley, and Commissioner Goehring voted aye. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission members agreed to sign a letter to support and communicate the FFERP 2.0 loan program and asked that it be circulated to appropriate TSA and CPB personnel to best publicize availability of the program.

Mr. Morgan presented an update on the 2026 Farm Financial Stability Program (FFSP) and requested an additional allocation to the program of \$100 million. He also presented an update on

the Grain Inventory Loan Program and requested that program be closed out, and any remaining allocation be made available to the (FFSP).

It was moved by Commission Goehring and seconded by Attorney General Wrigley that the Industrial Commission approve an additional \$100 million in funding for the Bank of North Dakota 2026 Farm Financial Stability Program, and direct the bank to close out the previously approved Grain Inventory Loan Program and transfer remaining funding to the Farm Financial Stability Program, bringing total approved funding for the 2026 Farm Financial Stability Program to \$500 million.

On a roll call vote, Governor Armstrong, Attorney General Wrigley, and Commissioner Goehring voted aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Tyler reported that the next regular meeting of the Industrial Commission will be held Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 1:00 in the Governor's Conference Room.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Tyler', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Karen Tyler, Executive Director