

NORTH DAKOTA STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION
January 27, 2026 MEETING MINUTES | Bismarck, ND

The State Board of Agricultural Research and Education met for a regular meeting on **January 27, 2026**. Present: Jim Bahm, Doug Bichler, Mike Clemens, John Dhuyvetter, Aaron Galbreath, Chair Pam Gulleson, Sen. Jerry Klein, Greg Lardy, John Nordgaard, and Julie Zikmund. Absent: Pres. David Cook, Rep. Austin Foss, Doug Goehring, Scott Huso, and Scott Ouradnik.

Chair Gulleson called the meeting to order at **9:33 a.m.**

Approval of January 13th and 14th 2026 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mike Clemens made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Aaron Galbreath seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Administrative Update from Greg Lardy, Joe and Norma Peltier VP for Agriculture, Dean, Director, Director

Dr. Lardy announced that February 8th is President Cook and Dr. Katie Cook's last day at NDSU. He expressed his gratitude for their contributions to NDSU and wished them all the best on their move. He provided an update on the January 15th presentation he gave to the Interim Higher Education Institutions Legislative Committee.

Lastly, he announced a tentative date for the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Bolley Laboratory on August 10th.

Administrative Update from Lynette Flage, Associate Director NDSU Extension

Dr. Flage gave notice to the board that the applications for the NDSU Presidential search are due February 16th. She gave updates on the Extension programs taking place across the state as well as the upcoming USDA NIFA Civil Rights review.

Administrative Update from Frank Casey, Associate Director of the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station

Dr. Casey gave an overview of the recent impacts from the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station.

Comments from, Pam Gulleson SBARE Chair

Chair Gulleson announced that Representative Alisa Mitskog is concluding her time on SBARE. She announced that Legislative Management had appointed Representative Austin Foss of Fargo, ND to the board. She also reviewed the procedure for the prioritization process.

Prioritization Process

The board reviewed and discussed the received 2025 stakeholder input.

Presentation from Riverview – Brady Jensen

Brady Jensen and colleagues gave a presentation of the Riverview Dairy Midwest operations.

Working lunch followed for the board. Discussion related to the prioritization process continued.

MOTION: Jim Bahm made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug Bichler seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at **3:55 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Erin McCall