

# NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

## Tentative Agenda

### **WORKFORCE COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, July 29, 2009  
Roughrider Room, State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order  
Roll call  
Review of the Legislative Council supplementary rules of operation and procedure

9:10 a.m. Comments by the chairman regarding responsibilities of the committee

#### **TECHNOLOGY STUDIES**

9:15 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of background memorandums on the studies of:

- Technology-based entrepreneurship and economic development best practices, including a review of the best practices implemented by the Department of Commerce and the effectiveness of the Department of Commerce Foundation (Section 19 of Senate Bill No. 2018); and
- The establishment and development of certified technology parks (Section 1 of Senate Bill No. 2390)

9:25 a.m. Presentation by Mr. Robert Olson, Regional Director, United States Department of Commerce, Denver, Colorado, regarding research and technology best practices

10:10 a.m. Comments by Mr. Delore Zimmerman, Red River Valley Research Corridor, Grand Forks, regarding the status of the Red River Valley Research Corridor

10:30 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Comments by Mr. Paul Lucy, Ms. Jolynne Tschetter, and Mr. Justin Dever, Department of Commerce, regarding the committee's two technology studies

11:15 a.m. Comments by Ms. Elaine Fremling, Department of Commerce Foundation, regarding the committee's study of the foundation's effectiveness

11:30 a.m. Comments by Mr. Gaylon Baker, Economic Development Association of North Dakota, regarding the committee's two technology studies

11:45 a.m. Comments by interested persons  
Committee questions and discussions

12:00 noon Luncheon recess

#### **WORKFORCE STUDIES**

1:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a background memorandum on the studies of:

- The state's system for addressing workforce needs through a workforce system initiative, including a review of the alignment of taxpayer investment with programs, coordination of programs, and the North Dakota workforce strategic plan; and
- The state's workforce system, the feasibility and desirability of enacting legislation to address the issues identified in the 2007-08 interim Workforce Committee's consultant's report, and the implementation of workforce initiatives enacted by the 61<sup>st</sup> Legislative Assembly

- 1:10 p.m. Comments by Mr. Larry Anderson, Department of Commerce, regarding the committee's two workforce studies
- 1:30 p.m. Comments by a representative of the North Dakota University System regarding 2009 legislation impacting the North Dakota University System as the legislation relates to workforce and economic development
- 1:55 p.m. Comments by Mr. Baker regarding the committee's two workforce studies
- 2:05 p.m. Comments by a representative of the Tax Department regarding the committee's two workforce studies
- 2:15 p.m. Break
- 2:30 p.m. Comments by interested persons  
Committee discussion and directives
- INTERIM PLANNING**
- 2:45 p.m. Committee discussion and directive regarding the study approach for the committee's receipt of reports and study charges
- 3:00 p.m. Adjourn

**Committee Members**

Senators Tony S. Grindberg (Chairman), Tim Flakoll, Ray Holmberg, Karen K. Krebsbach, Dave Nething, Larry J. Robinson, Mac Schneider, Tom Seymour, Ryan M. Taylor  
Representatives Donald L. Clark, Eliot Glassheim, Nancy Johnson, Lee Kaldor, Lisa Meier, Corey Mock, Lee Myxter, Michael R. Nathe, Ken Svedjan, Clark Williams