

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tentative Agenda

GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 2, 2014
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

9:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the January 16, 2014, meeting

STUDY OF FACILITY NEEDS OF STATE AGENCIES IN BISMARCK AREA

9:05 a.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a memorandum summarizing the results of a space needs survey of departments located in the Bismarck area

9:15 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Facility Management Division, Office of Management and Budget, regarding:

- The amount of leased, owned, and total space by department;
- The cost of leased space and owned space per full-time equivalent (FTE) position by department;
- The projected space needs for each department; and
- A build versus lease cost analysis

9:40 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Supreme Court regarding an update on the space needs analysis of the Supreme Court

10:00 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the committee's study of facility needs of state agencies in the Bismarck area

10:25 a.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's study of facility needs of state agencies in the Bismarck area

**STUDY OF THE USE OF STRUCTURES AND PROPERTY OF THE
JAMES RIVER CORRECTIONAL CENTER AND THE STATE HOSPITAL**

10:35 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the James River Correctional Center regarding priorities for capital project needs, including:

- Total space, used space, and potential uses of unused space, including associated costs;
- Potential building projects and renovations, including associated cost estimates;
- Other projects, including associated cost estimates;
- Recommended building demolitions, including associated cost estimates;
- Cost estimates for making necessary building improvements, including upgrading lights on the grounds; and
- Deferred maintenance costs

11:05 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation regarding:

- Land leased to the United States Department of Agriculture for research, including the terms of the lease;
- Agricultural land managed by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, including a recommendation for how much of the land could be sold

- 11:25 a.m. Presentation by representatives of the State Hospital regarding priorities for capital project needs, including:
- Total space, used space, and potential uses of unused space, including associated costs;
 - Potential building projects and renovations, including associated cost estimates;
 - Other projects, including associated cost estimates;
 - Recommended building demolitions, including associated cost estimates;
 - Cost estimates for making necessary building improvements;
 - Deferred maintenance costs; and
 - Agricultural land managed by the State Hospital, including a recommendation for how much of the land could be sold

11:55 a.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the committee's study of the use of structures and property of the James River Correctional Center and the State Hospital

12:00 noon Committee discussion regarding the committee's study of the use of structures and property of the James River Correctional Center and the State Hospital

12:15 p.m. Luncheon recess

**STUDY OF CURRENT STATE AND FEDERAL BENEFITS
AVAILABLE TO NORTH DAKOTA VETERANS**

1:15 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Department of Veterans' Affairs regarding:

- Allowances for caskets, including the differences between counties;
- Methods of communicating available benefits to the state's veterans;
- An update on the status of the service dog training program

1:45 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Tax Department regarding the amount of tax benefits claimed by veterans and the amount claimed by surviving spouses

2:00 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Adjutant General regarding projected costs for writing, publishing, and distributing a record of all North Dakota veterans, including those killed in action and missing in action, since statehood

2:15 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the State Treasurer's office regarding the status of the veterans' postwar trust fund

2:25 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the ND Cares Task Force regarding an update on the activities of the task force

2:45 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the committee's study of current state and federal benefits available to North Dakota veterans

3:00 p.m. Committee discussion regarding the committee's study of current state and federal benefits available to North Dakota veterans

OTHER COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

3:10 p.m. Receive a report from the Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities pursuant to North Dakota Century Code Section 50-06.1-16 regarding:

- The committee's activities;
- The committee's goals and progress made in reaching these goals;
- Barriers to achieve the committee's goals; and
- Strategies and policies that can help the committee realize its goals

3:20 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives

3:30 p.m. Adjourn

Committee Members

Senators: Ronald Sorvaag (Chairman), Ron Carlisle, Richard Marcellais, David O'Connell

Representatives: Roger Brabandt, Glen Froseth, Ed Gruchalla, Rick Holman, Karen Karls, George J. Keiser, Curtiss Kreun, Scott Louser, Gail Mooney, Chet Pollert, Vicky Steiner, Alon Wieland

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