



GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Monday, October 25, 2021
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

10:00 a.m. Call to order
Roll call
Consideration of the minutes of the September 14, 2021, meeting

STUDY OF ATTORNEY AND LEGAL-RELATED POSITIONS IN STATE GOVERNMENT

10:05 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Attorney General's office regarding:

- Special assistant attorneys general appointed to represent each agency, including temporary appointments;
- Potential efficiencies to be gained from the consolidation of state government attorney and legal-related positions in the Attorney General's office; and
- Efficiencies gained from the consolidation of higher education attorneys in the Attorney General's office

10:20 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of Workforce Safety and Insurance regarding the agency's need to employ an attorney

10:35 a.m. Presentation by a representative of the Tax Commissioner regarding the agency's need to employ an attorney

10:50 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Public Service Commission regarding the agency's need to employ an attorney

11:05 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Insurance Commissioner regarding the agency's need to employ an attorney

11:20 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Securities Department regarding the agency's need to employ an attorney

11:35 a.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding the agency's need and authority to employ an attorney

11:50 a.m. Committee discussion regarding the study of attorney and legal-related positions in state government

12:00 noon Recess

STUDIES OF SPACE NEEDS AND THE AMOUNT, TYPE, COST, AND OCCUPANCY OF PROPERTY LEASED BY THE STATE

1:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Department of Human Services regarding work location policies, current space, the owners of any leased space, current occupancy, and total space needs of the department

1:20 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the State Department of Health regarding work location policies, current space, the owners of any leased space, current occupancy, and total space needs of the department

- 1:40 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the Secretary of State regarding work location policies, current space, the owners of any leased space, current occupancy, and total space needs of the department
- 2:00 p.m. [Presentation](#) by a representative of the judicial branch regarding the feasibility of converting the Liberty Memorial Building into a new judicial branch building, including previous studies and plans
- 2:20 p.m. [Presentation](#) by representatives of the Office of Management and Budget regarding:
- The location of state employees working remotely in other states, by agency;
 - The tax effects of employees working remotely in another state;
 - The current utilization of the facilities on the State Capitol grounds and vacant areas;
 - The current Capitol complex master plan; and
 - Other state-owned space in the Bismarck area
- 3:00 p.m. Break
- 3:10 p.m. Presentation by representatives of the Office of Management and Budget regarding accessibility of the State Capitol grounds, committee rooms, and offices, including compliance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
- 3:45 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the committee's studies of space needs and the amount, type, cost, and occupancy of property leased by the state
- 4:00 p.m. Presentation by the Legislative Council staff of a [bill draft](#) to transfer certain space in the judicial wing of the Capitol to the legislative branch
- 4:10 p.m. Comments by interested persons regarding the bill draft to transfer certain space in the judicial wing of the Capitol to the legislative branch
- 4:20 p.m. Committee discussion and staff directives
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn

A livestream of the meeting will be available to the public at: <https://video.legis.nd.gov>.

Committee Members

Senators: Randy A. Burckhard (Chairman), Jerry Klein, Scott Meyer, Erin Oban

Representatives: Rick Becker, Glenn Bosch, Jared C. Hagert, Karla Rose Hanson, Pat D. Heinert, Karen Karls, Jim Kasper, Lawrence R. Klemin, Ben Koppelman, Todd Porter, Shannon Roers Jones, Dan Ruby

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