

## EMERGENCY COMMISSION MEETING

**Wednesday, September 10, 2025 – 11:00 a.m.  
State Capitol – Governor's Conference Room  
600 East Boulevard Avenue Bismarck ND 58505**

### MINUTES

Lt. Governor Strinden called a meeting of the Emergency Commission to order at 11:02 a.m. on September 10, 2025.

Members present were: Lt. Governor Michelle Strinden, Secretary Michael Howe, Senator David Hogue, Representative Don Vigesaa, Senator Brad Bekkedahl, and Representative Mike Lefor. A quorum existed throughout the meeting.

Also in attendance for the meeting were: Joe Morrisette, Director, OMB; Chris Joseph, General Counsel, Governor's Office; Roz Leighton, Chief of Staff, Governor's Office; Maria Neset, Chief of Staff to Lt. Gov, Governor's Office; Becky Ulberg, Fiscal Management Analyst, OMB; Allen H. Knudson, Legislative Council; Sandy McMerty, Deputy Secretary of State; Darin Hanson, Director of Homeland Security; Mitch Johnson, Adjutant General; and Jenifer Scheet, Accounting Manager, Adjutant General.

Mr. Morrisette provided a summary of Commission authority for the 2023-2025 biennium, prior to consideration of current requests, and OMB approval recommendations.

Note: According to the provisions of N.D.C.C., Chapter 54-16, approved requests marked with an asterisk will be forwarded to the Legislative Budget Section committee for its meeting on September 24, 2025.

#### **1. Adjutant General (Request #2153)**

The North Dakota Adjutant General is requesting an increase in Federal Funds line-item spending FEMA authority of \$16,087,500 and an increase in special funds line-item spending Disaster Relief Funds authority of \$2,535,000, contingent on receiving a federally declared disaster from the June 20-21 severe storm. This storm produced over 20 tornadoes, up to baseball-size hail, straight-line winds up to 111 mph, and torrential rainfall that led to localized flash flooding. The list of counties with the declaration request are Barnes, Burleigh, Cass, Eddy, Emmons, Foster, Grant, Griggs, Kidder, McLean, Morton, Oliver, Ransom, Sheridan, Sioux, Steele, Stutsman, Trail, and Wells. The declaration request was submitted on July 21, 2025 for consideration by FEMA and the President.

Upon motion duly made by Secretary Howe and seconded by Senator Hogue. Adjutant General Request #2153 was approved, and the motion carried. Voting yes were Hogue, Lefor, Bekkedahl, Vigesaa, Howe, and Strinden.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Howe, Secretary of State  
Secretary, Emergency Commission