GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

August 5, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. Central Time
Madison, SD

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ret. Judge Larry Long, Ret. Judge David Gienapp, Ret. Chief Justice David Gilbertson, Ret. Judge John Bastian (by telephone).

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. Central Time. A quorum was present. The telephonic line was initiated prior to the meeting being called to order.

OTHERS PRESENT: Nolan Welker, Admin Assistance to the Board
Chris Dabney, Admin Assistance to the Board
SDHP Trooper Spielmann

The following is a summary (not verbatim) of the matters discussed.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion by Ret. Judge Long, seconded by Ret. Chief Justice Gilbertson. Agenda was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Ret. Chief Justice Gilbertson to approve minutes from the April 13, 2026, meeting. The motion was seconded by Ret. Judge Long and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION OF PENDING COMPLAINTS:

Motion by Ret. Judge Long, to move into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 and 3-24-4 to discuss Complaint 2026-04 seconded by Ret. Chief Justice Gilbertson. Motion carried unanimously.

The public exited the meeting room. The telephonic line was disconnected. Members of the public present on the telephonic line were instructed to continue to check the status of the telephonic line to determine whether executive session had ended. The Board proceeded to executive session.

Executive Session ended thereafter. The meeting was again open to the public including the telephonic line being reinitiated.

COMPLAINT 2026-04

Ret. Chief Justice Gilbertson moved that Complaint 2026-04 be dismissed because no violation of any statutorily mandated action by the respondent was identified and no abuse of discretion by the respondent was identified in the complaint, response, and reply from the parties.

The motion was seconded by Ret. Judge Long. Motion carried unanimously.

BUDGET/RE-IMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

Ret. Chief Justice Gilbertson moved that Board counsel will research and report back to the Board as to the parameters and amounts of potential Board member re-imbursement of expenses, per diem, and mileage allowable by statute after consultation with the appropriate state agencies including the Legislative Research Council, the State Auditor, and the Board of Finance. The research will include discovering the proper method of securing payment for Board members.

The motion was seconded by Ret. Judge Long. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The public was invited to comment.

No public comment was provided.

DISCUSSION REGARDING FUTURE MEETINGS:

The next meeting will be scheduled at a later date at the call of the chair. The next meeting date will be scheduled to accommodate the responses in 2026-04.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ret. Judge Gienapp, seconded by Ret. Judge Long, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously and the Board adjourned.

Approved on 19th day of October, 2026.

On Behalf of the Government Accountability Board

** Members of the public were provided an option to appear at the meeting in person or by phone. The information on how to appear by phone was listed on the Agenda.