

Minutes of the
**EMPOWER NORTH DAKOTA COMMISSION
STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION**

June 23, 2022
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
WSI Building 1600 E Century Avenue
Commerce Department Conference Room & via TEAMS
Bismarck, ND 58503

Members present:

James Leiman, Al Christianson, Stacey Dahl, Justin Dever, Tyler Hamman, Ron Ness, David Straley

Ex Officio Members:

Lt. Governor Sanford, Brent Brannan, Julie Voeck

Public present:

Call in via Microsoft TEAMS platform

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman James Leiman called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., welcoming members and guests in the room and on the phone to the EmPower ND Commission Strategic Planning Session.

STRATEGIZING FOR THE 2022 STRATEGIC REPORT

Chairman Leiman highlighted the previous report that was completed for ND State Legislators in July 2020. Discussion ensued with how to produce a collective package for the Executive Branch and the State Legislators to advance the key initiatives.

This report will encompass the sectors of Infrastructure, Research & Development, and Workforce combined with Regulatory Environment, and Business Friendly Environment that will collaboratively strategize the goals needed to achieve appropriate growth and development for the State of ND.

Strategizing:

- Meet every two weeks from now until the end of August.
- Progress checks monthly via TEAMS.
- Report framework to be ready by late August – beginning September.

INFRASTRUCTURE	RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (R & D)	WORKFORCE/REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT/BUSINESS FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT
Gerald Bachmeier	Jason Bohrer	Al Christianson
Wade Boeshans	Brent Brannon	Justin Dever
Stacey Dahl	Ron Ness	Tyler Hamman
Justin Dever	David Ripplinger	Mike Rud
Jeff Zueger	David Straley	Danette Welsh
Justin Kringstad	Tom Oakland	Julie Voeck
John Weeda		James Leiman
Joshua Teigen		Katie Ralston Howe
Rich Garman		

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were brought forth.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned unanimously at 2:30 p.m. Motion carried.