



**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 23, 2026, 9:00 am (CT)**  
**800 Governors Dr. Pierre, SD 57501**

**Members:**

**Present**

Phyllis Heineman- Virtual  
Jean Moulton  
Linda Olsen  
Rich Meyer, Vice President -Virtual  
Steven Perkins, President - Virtual  
Greg Von Wald  
Tonia Warzecha

**DOE Staff:**

Joseph Graves, Amanda LaCroix, Anna King, Laura Scheibe, Shannon Malone, Hayley Miller, Shana Davis, Kathy Riedy, Kathryn Blaha, Kelly Royer, Andrea Effling, Amy Miller

**Others:**

Members of the public

Quorum physically present.

**Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Roll Call**

The South Dakota Board of Education Standards (BOES) was called to order by President Perkins at approximately 9:00 a.m. CT.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Motion by Heineman to adopt the February 23, 2026, agenda. Second by Meyer. Voice vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, Von Wald, Warzecha, and Perkins.

**Election of Officers**

Dr. Graves chaired the committee during the election. Motion by Moulton for Perkins for president. Second by Meyer. Voice vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, Von Wald, Warzecha, and Perkins.

Motion by Von Wald for Meyer for vice president. Second by Perkins. Voice vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, Von Wald, Warzecha, and Perkins.

President Perkins resumed as chair of the committee.

**Approval of Minutes - 9:05am**

Motion by Meyer second by Von Wald to approve the November 10, 2025, minutes. Voice vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, Von Wald, Warzecha, and Perkins.

**Public Comment: SDCL 1-25-1**

No public comment.

**Approval of Educator Preparation Program - 9:08am**

Northern State University

Presented by Kathy Riedy. Board questions and discussion. Motion by Olsen to approve NSU's Science Composite Program second by Heineman. Voice vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, Von Wald, Warzecha, and Perkins.

Black Hills State University

Presented by Kathy Riedy. Motion by Von Wald to continue approval of BHSU's educator preparation program. Second by Moulton. Roll call vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, Von Wald, Warzecha, and Perkins.

Sinte Gleska University

Presented by Kathy Riedy. Board questions and discussion. Motion by Olsen to continue approval of Sinte Gleska University's education preparation program. Second by Moulton. Roll call vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, Von Wald, Warzecha, and Perkins.

Presented by Kathy Riedy. Motion by Von Wald to approve of Sinte Gleska University's preschool-12 principal program. Second by Moulton. Roll call vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, Von Wald, Warzecha, and Perkins

**Approval of State-Designed Content Test for CTE Endorsements - 9:26am**

Presented by Dr. Kathryn Blaha. Board questions and discussion. Motion by Von Wald to approve state-designed content test for CTE endorsements. Second by Meyer. Voice vote. All

present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, Von Wald, Warzecha, and Perkins.

**Approval of Youth Suicide Awareness and Prevention Training Program - 9:37**

Presented by Andrea Effling. Board questions and discussion. Motion by Warzecha to approve the Youth Suicide and Prevention Training programs. Second by Meyer. Roll call vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, Von Wald, Warzecha, and Perkins.

**Content Standards Hearing #3 - 9:48am**

Presented by Shannon Malone, Director, Division of Learning & Instruction with the Department of Education. Malone reported and reviewed the 10 public comments received.

Proponent Testimony - In-Person

Rachel Foltz (Call to Freedom) Timothy Gaspar (South Dakota Alzheimer's Association)

Opponent Testimony – In-person

Grace Gill (Alzheimer's Association)

Rebuttal

Dr. Graves gave the rebuttal.

Board questions and discussion.

Motion by Meyer for the creation of a sub-committee to combat human trafficking. Second by Moulton. Roll call vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, Von Wald, Warzecha, and Perkins.

Board recessed at approximately 10:48 a.m. and reconvened at approximately 10:57 a.m.

**Mathematics Standards – 10:58am**

Presented by Shannon Malone, Director, Division of Learning & Instruction with the Department of Education and Dr. Meyerink.

Proponent testimony

No proponent testimony.

Opponent testimony - In-Person

Stephanie Higdon (Individual)

Sharon Vestal (Individual)

Rebuttal

Malone gave the rebuttal and addressed the public comments received.

Board questions and discussion. Motion by Moulton for the standards working committee to proposed fourth year content standards. Second by Heineman. Roll call vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, Von Wald, Warzecha, and Perkins.

Conclusion of hearing approximately 11:45am.

**Secretary's Report – 11:46am**

Secretary Graves gave a report regarding legislative session, the governor's proposed budget to increase 1% for schools, and overall landscape of public schools in South Dakota. Board questions and discussion.

**Annual PAPSC Report – 12:03pm**

Presented by Dr. Kathryn Blaha. Board questions and discussion.

**Board Report and General Discussion**

Board discussion.

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Moulton. Second by Von Wald. Voice vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, Von Wald, Warzecha and Perkins.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:20pm CT.

NEXT MEETING: May 4, 2026, in Rapid City.