



**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 15, 2025, 9:00 am (CT)**  
**Ramkota Hotel, 1400 8th Ave NW, Aberdeen, SD 57401**

**Members:**

**Present**

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

**Absent**

Tonia Warzecha

**DOE Staff:**

Joseph Graves, Amanda LaCroix, Kathy Reidy - Virtual, Kristin Berger, Laura Scheibe, Shannon Malone, Kathryn Blaha- Virtual, Ben Jones- Virtual.

**Others:**

Members of the public.

**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 second by Meyer to adopt the October 15, 2025, agenda. Voice vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, Von Wald, and Perkins.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Von Wald second by Moulton to approve the August 18, 2025, minutes with requested addition of reference to SDLC – 1-25-13 Open Meeting. Voice vote. All present voted in favor. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, Von Wald, and Perkins.

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

No public comment.

**Constitution Day Presentation by Bennett County School District**

Mandi Smokov and 9 of her students presented on their class project, teaching the younger students about the constitution.

### **History Teacher of the Year Stipend**

Ben Jones, Department of Education, asked for the board to sponsor the History Teacher of the Year stipend of \$1000 and name the award Board of Education Standards William Beadle History Teacher of the Year Award. The award name shall remain while the stipend is available. Motion by Meyer second by Moulton to sponsor the Board of Education Standards William Beadle History Teacher of the Year Award. Roll call vote. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, Von Wald, and Perkins.

### **Content Standards Revision Cycle**

Presented by Laura Scheibe, Department of Education. Board questions and discussion. Motion by Heineman second by Olsen to approve the revision cycle. Roll call vote. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, Von Wald, and Perkins.

### **Approval of the Educator Preparation Program**

Presented by Kathy Reidy, Department of Education. Board questions and discussion. Motion by Meyer second by Von Wald to approve NSU's CTE Educator Preparation Program as presented. Roll call vote. Motion carried. Voting aye: Heineman, Moulton, Olsen, Meyer, Von Wald, and Perkins.

### **Content Standards Hearing #1**

#### **Health Education Standards**

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

#### Proponent testimony

No proponent testimony.

#### Opponent testimony

Grace Gill, Alzheimer's Association, and John Chicoine, personal, testified in opposition.

#### Rebuttal

Dr. Graves, Department of Education, gave the rebuttal.

Board questions and discussion.

### **Mathematics Standards**

Presented by Shannon Malone, Director, Division of Learning & Instruction with the Department of Education. Malone reported and reviewed the 12 public comments received.

#### Proponent testimony

Monte Meyerink, personal, and Susan Fairchild (virtual), personal, testified in favor.

#### Opponent testimony

Sharon Vestal, personal, and Susan Gilkerson, personal, testified in opposition.

### Rebuttal

Dr. Graves gave the rebuttal.

Board questions and discussion.

Hearing ended at approximately 11:02 am.

### **Secretary's Report**

Secretary Graves gave a presentation on Student Academic Testing and discussed how we compare nationally, explained the different tests we use and answered questions from the board.

### **Board Report and General Discussion**

Board discussion including upcoming board meeting dates.

NEXT MEETING: November 10, 2025

### **Adjournment:**

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

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:56 a.m. CT.