

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING

December 11, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. Central Time
Sioux Falls, SD

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

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:30 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
Alex Murray, SDHP
Christopher Klumper
Raquel Bowden (by telephone)

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Ret. Judge Larry Long to approve minutes from the September 29, 2025, meeting. The motion was seconded by Ret. Chief Justice David Gilbertson and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION OF PENDING COMPLAINTS:

Motion by Ret. Chief Justice David Gilbertson, to move into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 and 3-24-4 to discuss Complaint 2025-04, seconded by Ret. Judge John Bastian. Motion carried unanimously.

The public exited the meeting room. The telephonic line was disconnected. The Board proceeded to executive session.

Executive Session ended and the meeting was again open to the public

including the telephonic line being reinitiated.

COMPLAINT 2025-05

Ret. Judge Larry Long moved that complaint 2025-05 be referred to the Division of Criminal Investigation for investigation. Board counsel shall prepare a transmittal letter and forward the complaint to the Division of Criminal Investigation pursuant to the Board's authority under SDCL 3-24-5.

The motion was seconded by Ret. Judge John Bastian. Motion carried unanimously.

COMPLAINT 2025-06

Ret. Judge Larry Long moved that complaint 2025-06 be dismissed for lack of jurisdiction. The motion is made because the party against whom the complaint is made is not a state employee as required under SDCL 3-24-3.

The motion was seconded by Ret. Judge John Bastian. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The public was invited to comment.

Raquel Bawdon requested clarification on the Board's disposition of complaint 2025-05. The Board provided further clarification.

DISCUSSION REGARDING FUTURE MEETINGS:

The next meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved on _____ day of _____, 2025.

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.

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