

# GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

## MINUTES OF MEETING

January 30, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. Central Time  
Sioux Falls, SD

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

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at approximately 1:01 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  
Lindsey Quasney, Admin Assistance to the Board  
Alex Murray, SDHP  
Ryan Haug (by telephone)

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Ret. Chief Justice Gilbertson to approve minutes from the December 11, 2025, meeting. The motion was seconded by Ret. Judge Gienapp and carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **DISCUSSION OF PENDING COMPLAINTS:**

Motion by Ret. Judge Gienapp, to move into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 and 3-24-4 to discuss Complaints 2025-05 and 2025-07, seconded by Ret. Chief Justice Gilbertson. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Executive Session ended by motion of Ret. Chief Justice Gilbertson, seconded by Ret. Judge Bastian and carried unanimously. The meeting was again open to the public including the telephonic line being reinitiated.

COMPLAINT 2025-05

Ret. Chief Justice Gilbertson moved that Complaint 2025-05 be dismissed because, per communication with the Division of Criminal Investigation, the matter has been investigated and the Division of Criminal Investigation has found the allegations in Complaint 2025-05 to be without merit.

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

COMPLAINT 2025-07

Ret. Judge Bastian moved that the matter be referred to the Division of Criminal Investigation for investigation or for the Division of Criminal Investigation to provide copies of any reports in its possession related to the matter and the results of any investigations. The motion also sought Board staff to reach out to the Department Secretary governing the party complained of to ask for a copy of all Department rules pertaining to the use of Department property by employees during the relevant time period in the complaint.

The motion was seconded by Ret. Judge Gienapp. 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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ret. Chief Justice Gilbertson, seconded by Ret. Judge Bastian, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously and the Board adjourned.

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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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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