

NORTH DAKOTA COMMISSION
ON LEGAL COUNSEL FOR INDIGENTS

March 18, 2026

1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

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Or

Virtual Attendance Location

Jamestown Administrative Office

300 2nd Avenue NE, Jamestown, ND

Via Microsoft Teams (Call In Number: [+1 701-328-0950](tel:+17013280950).,[486410942#](tel:+17013280950))

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of minutes from the following meetings:
 - a) December 10, 2025
- 3) Old Business:
 - a) Update on Jamestown and Public Defender offices
 - b) Update on Financial Status
 - c) Update on Contracts and Contractors
 - d) Update on Group and Committee Work
 - e) Update on Initial Appearance and Pre-Trial Service program
 - f) Update on Interim Legislative Session
 - g) Public Defender Day in North Dakota
 - h) Review of Executive Director's Performance
 - i) Review of Comments received to proposed policy changes
 - i) Case Assignment Termination
 - ii) Appendix B
 - iii) What Constitutes a Case Assignment
 - j) Past Training
 - i) Winter CLE
 - ii) NACDL Mid-Winter Meeting
 - iii) SBAND Trainings
 - iv) Short Sentences by DOCR
- 4) New Business
 - a) Elect New Chair person of the Commission
 - b) Training
 - i) ABA Presentation on Rural Practice
 - ii) Summer CLE to be held in May
 - iii) YExLS: Youth Experiential Learning Labs – Take a walk in my shoes
 - iv) Mountain States Trial Skills
 - v) North Dakota Association for Justice
 - vi) SBAND Annual Meeting
 - c) Commissioner Terms
 - i) Replacement for Commissioner Friese

- ii) Upcoming Terms Completed
- d) Legislative Preparation
 - i) Health Care Formulary for Inmates
 - ii) Criminal Responsibility
 - iii) Wrongful Conviction Statute
 - iv) Fees Cleanup
 - v) Defense Attorney Confidentiality (New)
- e) Budget Preparation
 - i) Expansion of investigator program
 - ii) Replacement of special fund with general fund
 - iii) Public Defense System evaluation
 - iv) Increased costs for Initial appearance
 - v) Drug Court Revocation (New)
- f) NAPD / NACDL Group Memberships
- g) Kudos

5) Miscellaneous

6) Next Meeting Date and Time