



MEETING OF THE BISMARCK EVENT CENTER AUTHORITY BOARD

3/23/2026 - MINUTES

AGENDA

1. Call to order

The Bismarck Event Center Authority Board met at 4:00 PM on March 23, 2026. Members present included Mike Gardner, Sheri Grossman, Joel Kosteletzky, Chad Wachter, Jason Tomanek, Jennifer Wilson, and Mayor Mike Schmitz.

2. [Public Comment](#)

No public comment was received.

3. Enter into Executive Session under North Dakota Century Code Section 44-04-19.2 regarding contract negotiation/negotiation strategy under NDCC Section 44-04-19.1(9).

Member Gardner moved to enter into Executive Session under North Dakota Century Code Section 44-04-19.2 regarding contract negotiation/negotiation strategy at 4:02 PM, and Member Grossman seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all voted aye. M/C.

The board reconvened at 4:38 PM with all members present.

Member Grossman moved that the contract with OVG be forwarded to the March 24, 2026, Bismarck City Commission agenda and recommend approval, and Member Wachter seconded.

During discussion, Member Tomanek requested that the recommendation not be approved as presented, knowing that there are a few outstanding items, such as Exhibit D and Article 17, but rather with the understanding that staff will continue to finalize the minor, non-consequential components of Exhibit D and Article 17.

Member Grossman edited her motion to add Administrator Tomanek's recommendation, and Member Wachter seconded.

Upon a roll call vote, all voted aye. M/C.

Member Gardner moved to give City staff authorization to pursue contract negotiations

relating to the Event Center as discussed during the executive session, and Member Wilson seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all voted aye. M/C.

ADJOURN

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:41 PM.