



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS

6/2/2026 - MINUTES

AGENDA

The Board of City Commissioners met on June 2, 2026, at 4:00 PM in the 4th Floor Mayor's Conference Room, City/County Office Building, 221 North Fifth Street, Bismarck, North Dakota. Commissioners Connelly, Risch, Zenker, and Mayor Schmitz were present. Commissioner Cleary attended the meeting via Teams.

A. [Public Comment](#)

No public Comment was received.

B. Consider the recommendation from the City Administrator to hire the new Finance Director.

Jason Tomanek, City Administrator, provided background on the hiring process to fill the Finance Director position that has been vacant since November 7, 2025. The position was advertised three different times with 16 qualified candidates being evaluated. Four total applicants completed the full assessment series, which included virtual Teams interviews, an accomplishments survey scored by government finance professionals, a general management in-basket test, and an in-person interview. The selection committee comprised of Mayor Schmitz, Commissioner Cleary, Kathy Feist (Bismarck Parks & Recreation Finance Director), Leanne Schmidt (City of Bismarck Human Resources Director), and City Administrator Tomanek, completed the evaluations and recommended Ryan Skor for the Finance Director position. Mr. Skor holds a Masters in Business Administration and is a Certified Public Accountant, and brings approximately 20 years of professional experience, including 13 years in government finance with the North Dakota State Treasurer's Office and the Retirement and Investment Office. His references and past evaluations reflect strong leadership and high performance. The recommended salary is \$160,000, which is within the posted range of \$150,000-\$170,000, contingent on the standard pre-employment checks.

Commissioner Zenker moved to approve the recommendation and Commissioner Cleary seconded.

Discussion:

- Commissioner Zenker complimented Eric Lund, Acting Finance Director, and the finance team for their work during the search for the Finance Director.
- Mayor Schmitz complimented the finance team for all the work they have done.

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

ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:08 PM.