

**BURLEIGH COUNTY HUMAN SERVICE ZONE BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 17, 2026**

The Burleigh County Human Service Zone Board convened a regular meeting at 3:00pm in the Tom Baker Room of the City/County Building. Director Chelsea Flory called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call of the Members:** Commissioner Steve Bakken, Senator Dick Dever, Jim Hulm, Trevor Vannett, and Director Chelsea Flory present in person. Tracy Famias by remote attendance. Absent: Kelli Berglund. Also present: Tayonne Nachatilo.

**Approval of the Minutes:** A copy of the Board Meeting Minutes from December 16, 2025 was previously emailed to the membership. Motion by Trevor Vannett, second by Commissioner Bakken and unanimously carried to approve the minutes as distributed.

**Public Comment:** None

**Director's Report:** Director Flory provided a brief update to the membership regarding the Economic Assistance unit including local outreach efforts, program updates, ongoing efforts relating to statewide backlog, and general staffing updates.

Director Flory provided a brief update to the membership regarding the Child Welfare and Family Service unit including general programming and re-design updates, workforce training, collaboration efforts, and general staffing updates.

**Other Business:** Director Flory notified the membership of her resignation as Human Service Zone Director effective April 14, 2026. ND Department of Health and Human Services team members Kristen Hasbargen, Director of Zone Operations, and Alicia Baumann, Human Resources, both joined the meeting to provide the membership with information and guidance for next steps in the Zone Director hiring process.

The membership identified Commissioner Bakken and Vice Presiding Officer Tracy Famias to serve on the Zone Director Hiring Committee along with the designated state team members. The membership supported Chelsea Flory's involvement with the Hiring Committee as a non-voting team member and identified Trevor Vannett to serve as an available alternate voting-member, if needed. The board membership delegated hiring approval to the identified Hiring Committee team members.

Motion by Commissioner Bakken, second by Trevor Vannett and unanimously carried to designate Tayonne Nachatilo as Interim Zone Director as of April 15, 2026 until the position of Zone Director has been re-filled.

**Other Business:** Trevor Vannett provided a public update regarding expanded service hours for Bis-Man Transit beginning April 1, 2026.

**Adjourned:** Director Flory called for the meeting to be adjourned at 04:01 pm.

**Next Regular Board Meeting:**

Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 3:00pm in the Tom Baker Room of the City/County Building.

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Tayonne Nachatilo, Business Manager

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Kayla Kershaw, Presiding Officer/Zone Director