

MINUTES OF THE FARGO DOME AUTHORITY MEETING

A regular meeting of the Fargo Dome Authority was held on Monday, August 25, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. in the FARGODOME Administrative Office with President David Suppes presiding.

Members present: David Suppes, Blake Nelson, Michael Ellingson, Todd Olson, Dan Armbrust, Rick Steen and Troy Goergen.

Members absent:

Others present: Tyler Haehn – City of Fargo; Zach Prante, Accounting Manager – FARGODOME; Sarah Dykema – Director of Marketing and Sales – FARGODOME; Bernie Larson, Assistant General Manager – FARGODOME and Rob Sobolik, General Manager – FARGODOME.

Media present: None

President David Suppes called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Rob requested to add an update on the NDSU Operating Lease Agreement to the agenda under Additional Items.

David requested to add and updated on the Convention Center to the agenda under Additional Items.

Rick Steen made a motion, seconded by Mike Ellingson, to approve the agenda of the August 25, 2025 Fargo Dome Authority meeting as amended. Motion carried.

Dan Armbrust made a motion, seconded by Blake Nelson, to approve the minutes from the July 29, 2025 Fargo Dome Authority meeting. Motion carried.

Rob Sobolik presented the General Manager's report as follows:

- Year-to-Date Net Income through July 2025 is stated at -\$197,961, which is a negative variance (to budget) of \$214,595.
- Past and Upcoming Events: United Way School Supply Drive on July 28-August 8, 2025. NDSU Fan Day on August 19, 2025. NDSU Football vs. Southeast Missouri State on September 13, 2025. NDSU Fall Career Expo on September 17, 2025. Midwest Premier Youth Football on September 21, 2025. NDSU Football vs. South Dakota State on September 27, 2025. Youth Football on September 28, 2025.

Rick Steen presented the Fargo Dome Authority Building and Finance Committee report. The Fargo Dome Authority Building and Finance Committees met on Wednesday, August 20, 2025. Items discussed included:

- July 2025 Financial Statements: The July 2025 Financial Statements were approved by the Finance Committee at the meeting on August 20, 2025.
- Project and Capital Budget Updates:

- Rob reported that Astroturf will be back to the building throughout the football season to work through any issues with the turf.
- Rob noted that work has begun on the sidewalk repairs on the northeast side of the building.
- Rob has received four proposals from civil engineering firms regarding redesign and reconstruction of parking lots B and C. This item will be further discussed at upcoming meeting.
- Escrow Balance & Performance Reports: The committee reviewed the permanent fund balance as of May 2025. Please see attachments. The FARGODOME permanent fund performance, year-to-date, through April 2025 is 5.81%. Please see attachments.
- Additional Items:
 - Convention Center Update: David reported that the Fargo Dome Authority submitted their first phase response to the Convention Center RFP on August 7. The Authority will take part in a presentation to the Convention Center Committee on Friday, August 29. The Convention Center Committee is asking for a 15 minute presentation expanding on the conceptual plan and site location followed by Q&A from the committee.
 - Rick noted that he attended the Cass County Commission meeting on Monday, August 18 as the liaison for the Fargo Dome Authority. He reported on the June financials as well as the 2026 budget.

Rick Steen made a motion, seconded by Todd Olson, to approve the Building and Finance Committee report as presented.

On call of the roll, Armbrust, Ellingson, Goergen, Nelson, Olson, Steen and Suppes voted aye.

Absent and not voting:

The motion was declared carried.

NDSU Operating Lease Agreement: Rob reported that the NDSU Operating Lease Agreement has been signed by NDSU. The new agreement will have a one-year term, with all other terms remaining the same as last year's agreement.

Rick Steen made a motion, seconded by Dan Armbrust, to approve the NDSU Operating Lease Agreement as presented.

On call of the roll, Armbrust, Ellingson, Goergen, Nelson, Olson, Steen and Suppes voted aye.

Absent and not voting:

The motion was declared carried.

Convention Center Update: David reported that the Authority submitted their first phase response to the Convention Center RFP on August 7. The Authority will take part in a presentation to the Convention Center Committee on Friday, August 29. David invited Authority members to attend the presentation on August 29. Further information on this item will be discussed at upcoming meetings.

The next Fargo Dome Authority meeting will be on September 30, 2025 at 3:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

David Suppes, President

Rob Sobolik, General Manager