

SPECIAL MEETING, OCTOBER 14, 2025

The Special Session of the Deadwood City Commission convened on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Deadwood City Commission Chambers, 102 Sherman Street, Deadwood, South Dakota. Dakota. Commission President Sharon Martinisko called the meeting to order with the following members present: Department Heads, City Attorney Quentin Riggins, and Commissioners Charles Eagleson, Michael Johnson, and Blake Joseph. Mayor Charlie Struble-Mook was absent.

Commission President Martinisko reminded the people in attendance that public comments are welcome, but no action can be taken by the Commission on comments received at this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Petition

Attorney Riggins stated the purpose of the special meeting was that a petition for a recall was received by the city. Pursuant to South Dakota statue the city had 10 days of which to schedule the hearing, which is why the meeting was set for today. The City received a filing from Commissioner Joseph regarding concerns he had with the petition for recall. At that time, there was a request for a Preliminary Injunction and today city received a signed order from the court that granted the preliminary injunction. One of the items in the injunction that was requested was that the city not set an election, therefore no action will be taken. Attorney Frankenstein stated the court signed a temporary restraining order, which is in effect until a hearing on the Preliminary Injunction.

Calendar

Attorney Riggins stated no action will be taken.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Attorney Frankenstein stated the public can speak, but the Commission cannot determine whether it is a good idea or bad idea to recall a commissioner, determine if an election date should be set or when due to the court order. While public comment is allowed, it is not necessarily helpful because the commission today does not have the authority to make a motion or vote.

Resident, Mark Speirs, stated integrity matters, words matter. Good Commissioners work together, compromise and do the right thing for the community.

Resident, Bobby Rock, asked when the date is for the hearing. Attorney Frankenstein stated the hearing is set for December 11 and believes it will be moved up.

Resident, Sianna Gross, spoke on behalf of many citizens on the ongoing misconduct, intimidation, and retaliation surrounding Commissioner Blake Joseph. We deserve leadership that serves, not threatens the community.

Resident, Andy Estoclet, asked for clarification on the date of the hearing. Attorney Frankenstein stated normally courts expedite these types of matters.

Resident, Kerry Ruth, asked how this effects the law that states election must be set within 10 days. Frankenstein stated law is followed unless there is a court order.

Resident, Sean Covell, asked if there were other options for filing complaints. Attorney Riggins stated the City has a code of conduct, which citizens have a right to pursue.

Resident, Bobby Rock asked if the code of conduct is public record. Riggins stated the code of conduct procedure is heard in executive session unless the person the complaint is filed against elects to make it a public hearing.

Resident Speirs asked about petitions. Attorney Frankenstein stated once the judge rules that either the pause is lifted and the election can move forward, with all the associated election deadlines, including petitions, or the judge rules the recall petition had insufficiencies or issues and should not be recognized.

ADJOURNMENT

Joseph moved, Johnson seconded to adjourn the special session at 5:16 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Monday, October 20, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ DATE: _____

Jessica McKeown, Finance Officer
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Charlie Struble-Mook, Mayor