

SPECIAL MEETING, OCTOBER 27, 2025

The Special Session of the Deadwood City Commission convened on Monday, October 27, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Deadwood City Commission Chambers, 102 Sherman Street, Deadwood, South Dakota. Dakota. Mayor Charlie Struble-Mook 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. All motions passed unanimously unless otherwise stated.

CONSENT

Resolution

Item has been removed from agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Petition

Attorney Riggins stated court was held on Thursday, October 23 and a scheduled upcoming hearing will be held, which will allow all concerns raised by Commissioner Joesph to be heard before the election date. Riggins also stated the Temporary Restraining Order was lifted which allows commission to set election and move forward according to the court’s calendar. Martinisko moved, Johnson seconded to accept petition to recall Commissioner Blake Joseph and set Special Election for Recall on Tuesday, December 2, 2025. Roll Call: Aye-Eagleson, Johnson, Martinisko, Struble-Mook. Abstained – Joseph. Motion carried.

Calendar

Attorney Riggins recommends approval of calendar. Martinisko moved, Johnson seconded to approve Special Election calendar as presented. Roll Call: Aye-All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident, David Herdt, questioned why the Commission is trying to recall a commissioner voted on by the public. Mayor Struble-Mook stated we as a Commission do not have the authority to remove a commissioner, which is why a special election is being held. Herdt emphasized on reasons why Commissioner Joesph is being recalled. Attorney Riggins encouraged general public to use different forum for discussion. Commissioner Martinisko asked Attorney Riggins to talk about the recall process due to citizens thinking the petition would remove Commissioner Joseph. Attorney Riggins advised that the city could not go into any detail as to the basis for the recall petitions. He further advised that a group of citizens circulated the petitions and that the city simply reviewed the petitions and scheduled deadlines in accordance with state statutes

ADJOURNMENT

Martinisko moved, Eagleson seconded to adjourn the special session at 5:08 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Monday, November 3, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

DATE: _____

Jessica McKeown, Finance Officer

BY: _____
Charlie Struble-Mook, Mayor

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