



State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee

65th Montana Legislature

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AGENDA

as of 1/16/2017

Meeting #3 - Thursday, January 18, 2018

Room 137, Capitol Bldg., Helena

Please note: all times are approximate

- 9:00 a.m. 1. **Sen. Sue Malek, Presiding Officer**
a. Call to Order, Roll Call
b. Welcome and agenda overview
- 9:05 2. **Political Practices, Campaign Contributions, Ethics, and Rejected Ballots - Informational Briefings**
a. Constituent services accounts
 ▶ Susan Fox, Executive Director, Legislative Services Division
 ▶ Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)
b. Jeff Mangan, COPP, review of court decisions
 ▶ 9th Circuit Court of Appeals decision in *Lair v. Motl* - contribution limits
 ▶ U.S. District Court decision in *Tschida v. Mangan* - ethics complaints
c. Rejected ballots during elections
 ▶ Sheri Scurr, research analyst and Ginger Aldrich, staff attorney report on recent meetings by a working group of county election administrators and the Secretary of State about data collection on rejected ballots
 ▶ Jeff Mangan, COPP, roll of his office with respect to rejected ballots
- 9:45 3. **Public Pension Plans**
a. Sheri Scurr, Research Analyst, background and legislative history
- 10:15 b. Dore Schwinden, Executive Director, MPERA, actuarial valuation results
- 10:30 c. Shawn Graham, Executive Director, TRS, actuarial valuation results
- 10:45 BREAK
- 11:00 d. Sheri Scurr, background presentation on basics of pension fund investments
- 11:30 e. Montana Board of Investments - Executive Director David Ewer
 ▶ comments on pension investments background presentation
 ▶ committee questions
- f. **Public comment** on pension plans and/or pension fund investments

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- 12:00 p.m. LUNCH
- 1:00 4. **Voting Machines**
- a. Demonstration of AutoMark, deep dive into how it currently works, contracts
 - Regina Plettenberg, Ravalli County election administrator, legislative liaison, Montana Clerk and Recorders and Election Administrator's Association
 - Charlotte Mills, Gallatin County election administrator
 - Travis Hoffman, disability community representative
 - b. Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana, presentation on ADA requirements, ballot uniformity, needs and concerns of disabled voters
 - c. Committee questions and discussion with speakers - problem identification
- 2:00 d. **Public comment** on elections and/or voting systems
- e. Committee discussion and action on speakers for expert panel on voting machines at next meeting
- 2:15 5. **Veterans Affairs**
- a. Sheri Scurr, background on VA and Montana Veterans' Affairs Division (MVAD) and overall benefit claims process
- 2:30 b. Role of MVAD veteran service officers (VSO), training and certification
- Joe Foster, Administrator, MVAD
 - Kelly Ackerman, supervising VSO, Helena, MVAD
 - Koryn Van Eimeren, Veteran Service Center Manager, VA
 - Art Widhalm, past commander, VFW, Dept. of MT
 - Ron Milam, Vietnam War veteran, Missoula
 - George Blackard, American Legion, Billings
- c. Joe Foster, update on VISN 19 health care steering committee
- 3:30 d. **Public comment** on veterans issues
- 3:45 BREAK
- 4:00 6. **Rule review**
- Ginger Aldrich, staff attorney, overview of rule review activities, any questions from committee members
- 4:15 7. **General public comment** on any topic under SAVA's jurisdiction
- 4:30 8. **Review of next meeting date and agenda**
- Staff review of study plan
 - Committee discussion of next meeting
 - Pension plans - expert panel - staff issues & options paper
 - Voting systems - expert panel
 - Overseas and Military Voters - Common Access Cards
 - Any other items?

Adjournment

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