



# State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee

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### AGENDA STATE ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE September 26, 2003 Room 102, State Capitol

- 9 a.m. Call meeting to order; roll call: Sen. Joe Tropila, senior senator and acting Chairman
- 9:01 Introductions and opening comments: Sen. Tropila
- 9:10 Review of the SAIC's statutory duties and responsibilities, Dave Bohyer, LSD Research Director
- 9:30 Overview of agencies for which SAIC has statutory monitoring duties
- Department of Administration: Steve Bender, Deputy Director
    - Public Employees' Retirement Administration and Board: Mike O'Connor, Administrator

#### BREAK

- Teachers' Retirement System and Board: David Senn, Administrator
- U-System's Optional Retirement Plan: Linda Ryckman, MUS Benefits
- Commissioner of Political Practices: Linda Vaughey, Commissioner

#### LUNCH

- 1 p.m. Agency overviews continued:
- Department of Military Affairs: Brig. Gen. Randy Mosley, Assistant Adjutant General, Army, and Deputy Director, Department of Military Affairs
    - Board of Veterans' Affairs and MVAD: Lt. Col. Joe Foster, Administrator
    - Montana's state veterans' nursing homes, DPHHS: Kelly Williams, Administrator, Senior and Long-Term Care Division
    - Other agency subdivisions
  - 2:00 • Secretary of State's Office: Jason Thielman, Chief of Staff
    - Briefing: implementing Help America Vote Act: Amy Sullivan, HAVA Coordinator

#### BREAK

- 3:00 Update on MHP recruitment and retention issues: Col. Shawn Driscoll, Chief, Administrator
- 3:15 Administrative Rules review
- Briefing on PERB rule for implementing SB 145, i.e. the purchase of federal volunteer service as service credit for state retirement: John MacMaster, LSD Staff Attorney
  - PERB response: Melanie Symons
- 3:30 Public comment relevant to the purview of the SAIC
- 3:45 Committee discussion and executive session
- review, revise, and adopt the meeting schedule
  - identify issues and topics of interest to the Committee
  - member issues
- 4:45 Other business
- Instructions to staff
  - Elect officers
  - other

5:00 Adjourn