

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Call to Order:** CHAIRMAN DAN VILLA, on January 13, 2009 at 8 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Dan Villa, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Debby Barrett, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)  
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)  
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)  
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)  
Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Shirley Chovanak, Committee Secretary  
Nancy Hall, OBPP  
Suzan Scott, OBPP  
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: Agency Budget Overview and Budget  
Hearing: Montana Arts Council and  
Montana State Library

Executive Action: None

00:00:02 Chairman Villa

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL DIVISION ANALYSIS PRESENTATION**

00:00:53 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

**EXHIBIT(jeh07a01)**

**MONTANA ARTS COUNCIL PRESENTATION**

00:21:35 Chairman Villa

00:22:33 Arlynn Fishbaugh, Executive Director, Montana Arts  
Council (MAC)

**EXHIBIT(jeh07a02)**

00:41:47 Beck McLaughlin, Director, Montana Arts Education

00:43:16 Ms. Fishbaugh

00:48:28 Steve Bender, State Chief Information Officer,  
Department of Administration

00:50:16 Chairman Villa

00:50:21 Ms. Fishbaugh

00:50:46 Carleen Layne, Copper Village Art Museum Arts Center

00:57:55 Ms. Fishbaugh

00:58:27 Rob Quist, Kalispell

**EXHIBIT(jeh07a03)**

01:10:51 Sally Ralston, Copper Village Art Museum Arts Center

01:16:14 Ms. Fishbaugh

01:17:07 Nancy Hall, OBPP

**Public Comments:** None

**Question from the Committee and Responses:**

01:17:57 Sen. Hawks

01:19:00 Ms. Fishbaugh

01:19:43 Sen. Hawks

01:20:13 Ms. Fishbaugh

01:21:12 Sen. Hawks

01:21:48 Ms. Fishbaugh

01:21:56 Rep. Glaser

01:25:09 Ms. Fishbaugh

01:25:45 Ms. Wilkinson

01:26:34 Sen. Peterson

01:27:25 Ms. Fishbaugh

01:27:35 Ms. Wilkinson

01:28:52 Break

01:40:15 Reconvene

**MONTANA STATE LIBRARY PRESENTATION**

01:40:20 Ms. Wilkinson  
02:08:09 Rep. Steenson  
02:08:18 Ms. Wilkinson  
02:08:25 Chairman Villa leaves.  
02:10:19 Vice Chairman Barrett  
02:10:34 Darlene Staffeldt, State Librarian, Montana State  
Library (MSL)

**EXHIBIT (jeh07a04)**

02:31:53 Vice Chairman Barrett  
02:31:58 Ms. Staffeldt  
02:32:49 Vice Chairman Barrett  
02:33:02 Ms Staffeldt  
02:33:10 Ron Moody, Vice Chair, Montana State Library Commission  
02:41:49 Vice Chairman Barrett  
02:42:01 Ms. Hall, OBPP  
02:42:32 Vice Chairman Barrett

**Public Comment:**

02:42:37 Nanette Gilbertson, MSA  
02:46:07 John Finn, Director, Hearst Free Library, Anaconda  
02:48:10 Honore Bray, Director, Missoula Public Library  
02:49:35 Judy Hart, Director, Lewis and Clark Library  
02:51:47 Lois Fitzpatrick, MSA

**EXHIBIT (jeh07a05)**

02:52:55 Chairman Villa returns.

**Questions from the Committee and Responses:**

02:57:07 Chairman Villa  
02:57:26 Ms. Hall  
02:57:43 Ms. Staffeldt  
02:58:29 Rep. Steenson  
02:59:10 Ms. Staffeldt

**ADJOURNMENT**

03:02:17 Adjournment

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SHIRLEY CHOVANAK, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([jeh07aad.pdf](#))**