

SPECIAL SELECT COMMITTEE ON STATE SETTLEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY DRAFT RULES AND PROCEDURES - 2018

I. QUORUMS/PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

A. Regular meetings of the Special Select Committee on State Settlement Accountability (Committee) must be held in the State Capitol unless otherwise designated by the Presiding Officer.

B. Notice of regular meetings must be provided to the members and the public a minimum of ten (10) days prior to each meeting.

C. Public notice is accomplished by releasing information about the time, location, and agenda of meetings to the Committee and interested persons and by posting to the Committee's Web page.

D. Special meetings may be scheduled by a majority of members at a previous meeting or may be called by the Presiding Officer, with at least 24-hour notice to the members. Special meetings may not include agenda items that would normally require a public hearing and comment.

E. (1) Except as provided in subsection E.(2) and rule I.D., notice must be provided to the public as provided in rule I.B. for a conference call meeting of the Committee or a subcommittee that includes agenda items that involve a decision on a document or recommendation or any other item that normally involves public comment.

(2) Conference calls between staff and a quorum of Committee members acting as a committee or subcommittee that are solely for the purpose of clarifying staff work assignments may be noticed by posting a description of the time, place, and general subject matter of the call on the Legislative Branch website at least 24 hours prior to the conference call.

F. All meetings of the Committee must be conducted under the established rules of the Senate of the State of Montana as to quorums and parliamentary procedure.

II. PROXY VOTES

A. Proxies are generally discouraged, especially where a question has not received a prior hearing or where new debate occurs the day of the vote.

B. For the exercise of a proxy to be valid, the deputized member shall hold a written proxy from the absent member that specifies the question to which the proxy applies. Where a written proxy refers generally to a question but does not precisely address the question called to a vote, the Presiding Officer shall determine whether the proxy will be allowed.