

# PRISON ISSUES BOARD



## PURPOSE

Established in 1999 by the DOC, the purpose of the board is to bring administrators from Montana corrections facilities together in a forum to discuss and resolve issues; adjust, change or create policies; and communicate among wardens and facility administrators. The efforts of the board, which meets three times a year, accommodate continuity among facilities. This is an internal DOC board, not one required by statute.

## MEMBERS

Members include administrators from Montana State Prison, Montana Women's Prison, Montana Correctional Enterprises, Pine Hills Correctional Facility, Cascade County Regional Detention Center, Crossroads Correctional Center, and Dawson County Correctional Facility.

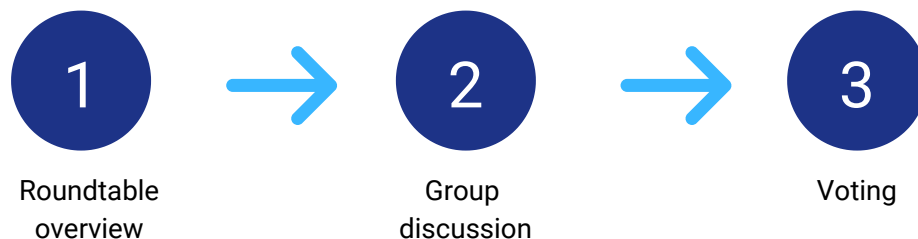
## TYPES OF ISSUES

- Inmate Welfare Funds (IWF)\*
- Security threat groups
- Facility activities

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Mail, phone issues addressed
- Policy consistency for property, canteen
- Fulfillment of IWF requests

## PROCESS



**Voting members include:** DOC director or designee, facility administrators. The chairman votes when required to break ties.

## PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The main purpose of PIB meetings is to accommodate communication among facility administrators. While time for public comment is incorporated into the meetings, members of the public are reminded they may also submit their concerns by contacting the facilities, sending correspondence, testifying at legislative hearings, etc.

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\*Inmate Welfare Funds are collected and distributed as provided for in MCA 53-1-109. The funds are used for the needs of residents or inmates and their families.