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MEETING AGENDA

As of 3/21/2022

Meeting #5 – Thursday, March 24, 2022

Room 102, Capitol Building, Helena

Please note, all times are approximate. Some agenda items may take more or less time than scheduled.

- 8:30 a.m. Call to Order | Roll Call | Overview of Agenda**
Senator Janet Ellis, Presiding Officer
- 8:35 a.m. HJ 8: Interim Study of MT's Public Pension Systems**
- Introduction – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
 - Panel: Defined Benefit, Defined Contribution, and Hybrid Pension Plans
 - Keith Brainard, Research Director, National Association of State Retirement Administrators (NASRA)
 - Dan Doonan, Executive Director, National Institute on Retirement Security (NIRS)
 - Hank Kim, Executive Director & Counsel, National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS)
 - Committee Questions & Discussion
- 10:15 a.m. BREAK**
- 10:25 a.m. HJ 8: Interim Study of MT's Public Pension Systems (continued)**
- Panel: Open, Closed, and Layered Amortization Policies
 - Alex Brown, Research Manager, National Association of State Retirement Administrators (NASRA)
 - Todd Green, President, Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, LLC
 - Committee Questions & Discussion
 - Public Comment* on HJ 8
 - Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff
- Noon LUNCH**
- 1:00 p.m. HJ 8: Interim Study of MT's Public Pension Systems (continued)**
- Introduction – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
 - Case Study: Montana University System Retirement Program (MUS-RP)
 - Shawn Graham, Executive Director, Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)
 - Amy Berry, Associate Director of Benefits, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE/MUS)
 - Committee Questions & Discussion
 - Public Comment* on HJ 8
 - Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff
- 2:00 p.m. Update re. Transition from Montana Votes to ElectMT**
- Dana Corson, SOS Elections Director & Stuart Fuller, SOS Elections Manager
 - Rina Moore, Cascade County Clerk & Recorder
 - Committee Questions & Discussion
 - Public Comment* on Transition from Montana Votes to ElectMT
 - Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff

- 2:45 p.m. BREAK**
- 2:55 p.m. Eligibility Criteria for Disabled Veteran License Plates**
- Overview – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst & Roger Hagan, American Legion
 - Committee Questions & Discussion
 - Public Comment* on Eligibility Criteria for DV License Plates
 - Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff
- 3:15 p.m. Updating the Montana Veterans Long Term Care Needs Study**
- Overview – Roger Hagan, American Legion
 - Committee Questions & Discussion
 - Public Comment* on Updating the Montana Veterans Long Term Care Needs Study
 - Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff
- 3:35 p.m. Rule Review**
- Introduction – Ginger Aldrich, Staff Attorney
 - Public Comment* on Rule Review Matters
 - Potential Committee Action & Instructions to Staff
- 3:40 p.m. MARA Update**
- Nick VanBrown, LFD Analyst & Sam Schaefer, LFD Analyst
 - Committee Questions & Discussion
 - Public Comment* on MARA Update
 - Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff
- 4:00 p.m. Public Comment* on Any Topic under the Committee's Jurisdiction**
- 4:15 p.m. Meeting Wrap Up**
- Next Meeting – Wednesday, May 25 & Thursday, May 26, 2022
 - Additional Instructions to Staff
 - Adjournment

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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