



# State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee

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## MEETING AGENDA

*As of 8/8/2022*

### **SAVA Meeting #7 – Wednesday, August 10 & Thursday, August 11, 2022** Room 137, Capitol Building, Helena

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

#### **Day One – Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**

- 1:00 p.m. Call to Order | Roll Call | Overview of Day 1 Agenda [TAB 1]**
- Senator Janet Ellis, Presiding Officer
  - Update on Agency Reports and Final Committee Reports – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
  - Meeting Schedule – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
    - Possible Meeting Dates: October 19, October 26, October 27
- 1:10 p.m. SJ 35: Interim Study of DPHHS Procurement Procedures [TAB 2]**
- Overview of Issues in SJ 35 and Previous Presentations – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
  - Overview of Audit Report Findings Related to SJ 35 – Alexa O'Dell, Legislative Audit Division
  - DPHHS Update – Erica Johnston, Economic Security Services Executive Director
  - Committee Questions & Discussion
  - Public Comment\* on SJ 35
  - Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff
- 1:45 p.m. Updating the Montana Veterans Long Term Care Needs Study [TAB 3]**
- Updated Scope & Cost Projections – Barbara Smith, Senior & Long Term Care Division Administrator, DPHHS
  - Committee Questions & Discussion
  - Public Comment\* on Updating the Montana Veterans Long Term Care Needs Study
  - Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff

- 2:15 p.m. Ravalli County Veterans Service Center Update [TAB 4]**
- Kelly Ackerman, Montana Veterans' Affairs Division Administrator & Jamie Smothers, Ravalli Valley Veteran Service Center Director
  - Committee Questions & Discussion
  - Public Comment\* on Ravalli County Veterans Service Center Update
  - Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff
- 2:45 p.m. BREAK**
- 2:55 p.m. Rule Review [TAB 5]**
- Introduction – Ginger Aldrich, Staff Attorney
    - MAR 44-2-259 (SOS)
    - MAR 44-2-260 (SOS)
    - MAR 44-2-261 (SOS)
    - MAR 44-2-262 (SOS)
    - MAR 2-3-628 (DOA)
    - MAR 2-63-625 (DOA)
  - Committee Questions & Discussion
  - Public Comment\* on Rule Review Matters
  - Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff
- 3:10 p.m. Agency Bill Draft Proposals – Department of Military Affairs [TAB 7]**
- Major General J. Peter Hronek, Adjutant General, Montana National Guard; Sundi West, Deputy Director, Department of Military Affairs; Major Todd Wayne, Deputy Staff Judge Advocate; Kelly Ackerman, Administrator, Montana Veterans' Affairs Division; Delila Bruno, Montana Disaster & Emergency Services Division Administrator; Leslie White, Deputy Construction Facilities Management Officer
  - Committee Questions & Discussion
  - Public Comment\* on Agency Bill Draft Proposals
  - Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff
- 4:00 p.m. Agency Bill Draft Proposals – Department of Administration [TAB 8]**
- Misty Ann Giles, Director, Department of Administration
  - Committee Questions & Discussion
  - Public Comment\* on Agency Bill Draft Proposals
  - Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff
- 4:30 p.m. Meet & Greet with Jerry Howe, LSD Executive Director**
- 4:45 p.m. Recess until Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

## **Day Two – Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 9:00 a.m. Call to Order | Roll Call | Overview of Day 2 Agenda [TAB 1]**  
*Senator Janet Ellis, Presiding Officer*
- 9:05 a.m. Elections Update [TAB 9]**
- Parallel Testing during June 7, 2022, Primary Election – Stuart Fuller, Elections and Voter Services Manager, Office of the Secretary of State; Monica Eisenzimer, Flathead County Clerk & Recorder and Election Office Manager
  - Overview of Post-Election Audit Process – Stuart Fuller, Elections and Voter Services Manager, Office of the Secretary of State
  - Committee Questions & Discussion
  - Public Comment on Parallel Testing & Post-Election Audit Process
  - Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff
- 10:05 a.m. Agency Bill Draft Proposals – Commissioner of Political Practices [TAB 10]**
- Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices
  - Committee Questions & Discussion
  - Public Comment on Agency Bill Draft Proposals
  - Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff
- 10:35 a.m. BREAK**
- 10:50 a.m. Ballot Issues – Committee Bill Drafts [TAB 11]**
- Bill Drafts – Ginger Aldrich, Staff Attorney
    - PD0001 – Revising Ballot Initiative Petition Forms
    - PD0002 – Providing Initial Submission Date for Statutory Initiatives and Referendum Petitions
    - PD0003 – Generally Revising Ballot Issues
  - Committee Questions & Discussion (*after each draft proposal*)
  - Public Comment on Committee Bill Draft Proposals
  - Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff
- 12:00 p.m. LUNCH (*hosted by SOS Office for the members of the SAVA Committee*)**
- 1:00 p.m. Pensions – Committee Bill Drafts [TAB 12]**
- Bill Drafts – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
    - Options Paper – Providing Funding for GWPORS and Increasing Employer Contribution Rate
    - PD0005 – Extending PERS Employer Contribution Rate Increase to 2034
  - Committee Questions & Discussion (*after each draft proposal*)
  - Public Comment on Committee Bill Draft Proposals
  - Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff

- 1:40 p.m. Agency Update – Board of Investments [TAB 13]**
- Agency Update – Dan Villa, Executive Director
  - Committee Questions & Discussion
  - Public Comment on Agency Bill Draft Proposals
  - Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff
- 2:10 p.m. Public Comment\* on Any Topic under the Committee's Jurisdiction**
- 2:20 p.m. BREAK**
- 2:30 p.m. HJ 8: Interim Study of MT's Public Pension Systems [TAB 14]**
- Responses to Committee Questions from May SAVA Meeting – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
    - History of Connection between PERS-DB Amortization Rate & PERS-DC Contribution Rate
    - Impact of Lowering Amortization Rate Trigger for Employee Contributions (PERS-DB Plan) & History
  - HJ 8 Final Report/Updated Legislator's Guide to Public Pensions – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
  - Digital Green Sheets – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
  - Committee Questions & Discussion
  - Public Comment\* on HJ 8
  - Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff
- 3:25 p.m. Agency Bill Draft Proposals – TRS [TAB 15]**
- Shawn Graham, Executive Director
  - Committee Questions & Discussion
  - Public Comment on Agency Bill Draft Proposals
  - Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff
- 3:55 p.m. Agency Bill Draft Proposals – MPERA [TAB 16]**
- Dore Schwinden, Executive Director; William Holahan, Deputy Director
  - Committee Questions & Discussion
  - Public Comment on Agency Bill Draft Proposals
  - Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff
- 4:25 p.m. Meeting Wrap Up**
- Next Meeting
  - Additional Instructions to Staff
  - Adjournment

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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