

Senate Select Committee on Judicial Oversight and Reform
Tentative Agenda

(updated 7/26 with speaker names)

July 29, 2024 – 9 a.m.

State Capitol Room 137 and Zoom

Please note:

- The committee will pause for breaks at the discretion of the presiding officer.
- All agenda times are approximate. Some items may take more or less time than indicated.

July 29, 2024

9:00 a.m. **Call to Order** – Senate President Jason Ellsworth

Roll Call

9:05 a.m. **Perspectives from Former District Court Judge Blair Jones**

- Former Judge Blair Jones (22nd Judicial District, Stillwater, Carbon, and Big Horn Counties)
- Public comment*
- Questions from the committee

12:30 p.m. **Lunch**

2:00 p.m. **Perspectives from Attorneys**

- Peter F. Habein
- Mark Parker
- Public comment*
- Questions from the committee

3:30 p.m. **Discuss Draft Inquiry Letter re: Appointment of Retired Judges**

- Committee discussion of draft letter
- Public comment*
- *Possible Executive Action*

4:15 p.m. **Discussion, Directions to Staff for a Judicial Performance Evaluations Draft Legislation**

- Legislative Services Division staff
- Questions from the committee

4:45 p.m. **Public comment*** on any topic under the committee's jurisdiction

Over →

- 5:00 p.m. **Committee Work Session**
- Review of topics planned for next committee meeting
 - Additional tasks/research for staff
 - Next meeting dates: August 19-20, 2024

5:15 p.m. **Adjourn**

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The public may attend the meeting and offer public comment in the Capitol or provide public comment either remotely via Zoom or in writing.

You must register for Zoom participation at <https://leg.mt.gov/committees/other-groups/sjor/remote-participation-sjor/>. *The registration deadline for virtual public comment is July 28th at 5 p.m.*

You will receive an email with the login information by 11:59 p.m. the night before the meeting.

You may submit written comments either through the [online form](#) or by mailing the comments to Senate Select Committee on Judicial Oversight and Reform, PO Box 201706, Helena, MT 59620. Comments provided by 5 p.m. the day before the meeting will be given to the committee at the meeting. Comments provided after that time will be given to the committee at the next meeting.

* Public comment provided in person or remotely at a committee meeting is a public record that is recorded, archived, and available on the Internet. Public comment submitted in writing at a committee meeting is a public record that will be posted to the legislative Web site as part of the minutes log for the committee meeting.

The Montana Legislative Services Division makes reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in this public meeting. For questions about accessibility or to request accommodations, please contact Rachel.Weiss@legmt.gov as soon as possible before the meeting date.