

Senate Select Committee on Judicial Oversight and Reform  
**Tentative Agenda**

August 19-20, 2024

9 a.m. on August 19; 8 a.m. on August 20

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.

August 19, 2024

- 9:00 a.m.     **Call to Order** – Senate President Jason Ellsworth  
                  **Roll Call**
- 9:05 a.m.     **Judicial Discipline in the States**
- Ms. Brittany Kauffman, JD, CEO, Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System (IAALS)
  - Public comment\*
  - Questions from the committee
- 11:00 a.m.    **Review of Draft Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission Bill**
- Presentation of draft – Legislative Services Division staff
  - Questions from the committee
  - Public comment\*
  - Further discussion from the committee, if needed
- 12:00 p.m.    **Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m.     **National Perspectives on Specialty Courts, Definitions of Impeachable Offenses, and Legislating Judicial Ethics/Conduct**
- Staff from the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)
  - Public comment\*
  - Questions from the committee
- 4:00 p.m.     **Public comment\*** on any topic under the committee’s jurisdiction but not on this agenda
- 4:30 p.m.     Recess until 8 a.m. on Tuesday, August 20

August 20, 2024

8:00 a.m.      **Reconvene – Roll Call**

8:05 a.m.      **Discussion of the Montana Judicial Standards Commission**

- Roger Webb, current commission member
- Public comment\*
- Questions from the committee

10:00 a.m.      **Montana Judicial Performance Measures**

- Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator
- Public comment\*
- Questions from the committee

11:45 p.m.      Lunch

1:30 p.m.      **Diversity in State Court Judges**

- Andrew Billstein
- Public comment\*
- Questions from the committee

3:00 p.m.      **Public comment\*** on any topic under the committee’s jurisdiction but not on this agenda

3:30 p.m.      **Committee Work Session**

- Future meeting topics
- Tasks/Research for staff
- Next meeting dates

4:00 p.m.      **Adjourn**

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