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MEETING AGENDA

Updated 1/11/24

SAVA Meeting #4 - Thursday, January 25, 2024
Room 137, Capitol Building, Helena

All times are approximate. Some agenda items may take more or less time than scheduled.

9:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER | ROLL CALL | OPENING REMARKS [TAB 1]

Representative Julie Dooling, Presiding Officer

- Overview of Meeting Agenda

9:05 A.M. SJ 4: PROVIDE FOR INTERIM STUDY OF PERS AND TRS [TAB 2]

- Historical Look at PERS and TRS - Rebecca Power, Research Analyst; Dore Schwinden, MPERA Executive Director; William Holahan, MPERA Deputy Director; Shawn Graham, TRS Executive Director; Dan Villa, BOI Executive Director
 - PERS & TRS Performance History
 - History of Assumed Rate of Return & Actual Performance
 - History of Legislative Changes & Impact to Systems
- PERS and TRS Contribution Rates & Funding Sources - Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
 - Employer & Employee Contribution Rates
 - SB 29 (2023) - PERS Supplemental Employer Contribution Rate
 - Statutory Appropriations
 - NASRA Resources
- Committee Questions & Discussion (*after each presentation*)
- Work Session - SJ 4 Study Plan - Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
 - Committee Discussion about Goals for SJ 4
 - March 2024 Meeting Date
- Public Comment* on SJ 4
- Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, and Instructions to Staff

NOON LUNCH

Hosted by the Office of the Secretary of State for SAVA committee members.

1:00 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENT* ON ANY TOPIC UNDER THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION [TAB 3]

- 1:15 P.M. ADMINISTRATIVE RULE REVIEW [TAB 4]**
- Introduction - Andria Hardin, Staff Attorney
 - Committee Questions and Discussion
 - Public Comment* on Administrative Rule Review Matters
 - Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff
- 1:35 P.M. ELECTMT UPDATE - REDISTRICTING**
- ElectMT Update - Stuart Fuller, Office of the Secretary of State
 - Committee Questions & Discussion
 - Public Comment* on ElectMT
 - Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff
- 1:55 P.M. MEMBER TOPIC - TRAINING FOR ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS [TAB 5]**
- Training for Election Administrators
 - Stuart Fuller, Office of the Secretary of State
 - Regina Plettenberg, Ravalli County Clerk & Recorder
 - Janel Tucek, Fergus County Clerk & Recorder
 - Committee Questions & Discussion
 - Public Comment* on Training for Election Administrators
 - Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff
- 2:45 P.M. BREAK**
- 2:55 P.M. MEMBER TOPIC - RULES & PROTECTIONS FOR POLL WATCHERS [TAB 6]**
- Rules & Protections for Poll Watchers
 - Regina Plettenberg, Ravalli County Clerk & Recorder
 - Janel Tucek, Fergus County Clerk & Recorder
 - Committee Questions & Discussion
 - Public Comment* on Rules & Protections for Poll Watchers
 - Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff
- 3:45 P.M. EMERGING ISSUE - USE OF AI IN ELECTIONS [TAB 7]**
- Use of AI in Elections - Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
 - Committee Questions & Discussion
 - Public Comment* on Use of AI in Elections
 - Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff
- 4:15 P.M. WORK SESSION - MEMBER TOPIC STUDY PLANS [TAB 8]**
- HJ 23 Study Plan - Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
 - Committee Questions & Discussion
 - Election Security Study Plan - Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
 - Committee Questions & Discussion
 - Public Comment* on Member Topic Study Plans
 - Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff

5:05 P.M. MEETING WRAP UP

- Next Meeting - Tuesday, March 12, 2024
- Adjourn

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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In Person: A podium with a microphone is available for your public comment in the meeting room. You are welcome to leave written comments for the committee instead of, or in addition to, your spoken comment. Prior registration is not required; you will be asked to sign in when you arrive.

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