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MEETING AGENDA

Updated 9/4/24

SAVA Meeting #8 - Thursday, September 5, 2024
Room 137, Capitol Building, Helena

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

8:30 A.M. CALL TO ORDER | ROLL CALL | OPENING REMARKS [TAB 1]

Representative Julie Dooling, Presiding Officer

- Overview of Meeting Agenda

8:35 A.M. COMMITTEE WORK SESSION: SJ 4 FINAL REPORT & PENSION REPORTS [TAB 2]

- Draft SJ 4 Final Report - Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
- Draft 2024 Legislator's Guide to Montana's Public Employee Retirement Systems - Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
- Committee Questions & Discussion (*after each presentation*)
- Public Comment* on SJ 4 Final Report & Pension Reports
- Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, and Instructions to Staff

9:05 A.M. COMMITTEE WORK SESSION: PROVISIONAL BILL DRAFTS [TAB 3]

- PD 20: Disclosure Requirements for the Use of AI in Election Communications - Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
- PD 21: Local Government Ballot Issues - Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
- PD 22: Online Voter Registration - Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
- Committee Questions & Discussion (*after each presentation*)
- Public Comment on Provisional Bill Drafts
- Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, and Instructions to Staff

9:35 A.M. COMMITTEE WORK SESSION: DRAFT FINAL REPORTS [TAB 4]

- Draft Election Security Study Final Report - Rebecca Power, Research Analyst

- Draft HJ 23 Findings & Recommendations – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
- Committee Questions and Discussion (*after each presentation*)
- Public Comment on Draft Final Reports
- Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff

10:05 A.M. BREAK

10:20 A.M. UPDATE FROM THE SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS [TAB 5]

- Senator Mike Cuffe, Committee Chair
- Committee Questions and Discussion
- Public Comment on Update from Senate Select Committee on Elections
- Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff

11:00 A.M. REQUIRED REPORTS [TAB 6]

11:00 a.m. Department of Administration

- Report on Information Technology Activities – Kevin Gilbertson, State CIO, Department of Administration
- Capitol Complex Advisory Council Report – Misty Ann Giles, Director, Department of Administration
- Employee Incentive Program Report – Misty Ann Giles, Department of Administration
- Committee Questions and Discussion (*after each presentation*)
- Public Comment on DOA Required Reports
- Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff

11:30 a.m. Office of the Secretary of State

- Statewide Election Security Report – Angela Nunn, Chief Deputy, Office of the Secretary of State
- Report on the Use of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Funds – Angela Nunn, Chief Deputy, Office of the Secretary of State
- Committee Questions and Discussion (*after each presentation*)
- Public Comment on SOS Required Reports
- Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & 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 SAVA'S JURISDICTION [TAB 7]

1:20 P.M. MIC3 UPDATE [TAB 8]

- Elise Arntzen, Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Committee Questions and Discussion
- Public Comment* on MIC3 Update
- Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff

1:40 P.M. VETERANS GUARDIAN OVERVIEW [TAB 9]

- Bill Taylor, COO, Veterans Guardian VA Claim Consulting
- Committee Questions and Discussion
- Public Comment* on Veterans Guardian Overview
- Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff

2:20 P.M. DMA AGENCY UPDATE & LEGISLATION PROPOSALS [TAB 10]

- DMA Agency Update & Legislation Proposals - Major General J. Peter Hronek, Adjutant General, Montana National Guard
- Information Request: Veterans' Service Officer FTE and Budget - Kelly Ackerman, Administrator, Montana Veterans' Affairs Division
- Committee Questions & Discussion (*after each presentation*)
- Public Comment on DMA Agency Update & Legislation Proposals and VSO FTE and Budget Update
- Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, and Instructions to Staff

3:10 P.M. REQUIRED REPORTS [TAB 6] (CONTINUED)

- Results of the Decennial Veterans' Long-Term Care Needs Study - Lindsey Carter, Interim Administrator, Senior and Long Term Care, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services; Major General J. Peter Hronek, Adjutant General, Montana National Guard; Kelly Ackerman, Administrator, Montana Veterans' Affairs Division
- Committee Questions and Discussion
- Public Comment on the findings of the Decennial Veterans' Long-Term Care Needs Study
- Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff

3:40 P.M. ADMINISTRATIVE RULE REVIEW [TAB 11]

- Andria Hardin, Staff Attorney
- Committee Questions and Discussion

3:45 P.M. MEETING WRAP UP

- Next Meeting - Thursday, October 24, 2024

3:50 P.M. 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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