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MEETING AGENDA

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Senate Select Committee on Elections - Thursday, October 10, 2024
Room 137, Capitol Building, Helena

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

8:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER | ROLL CALL | OPENING REMARKS

Senator Mike Cuffe, Committee Chair

8:05 A.M. BUTTE-SILVER BOW COUNTY RECOUNT

- County Attorney Result Changes - Linda Sajor, Clerk & Recorder, Butte-Silver Bow County
- Austin James, Chief Legal Counsel & Director of Elections, Office of the Secretary of State
- Questions & Comments from Committee Members (*after each speaker*)

9:35 A.M. CAST VOTE RECORDS

- Katy Owens Hubler, Project Manager, Elections & Redistricting, National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)
- County Election Administrators - Regina Plettenberg, Ravalli County; Janel Tucek, Fergus County; Eric Semerad, Gallatin County
- Questions & Comments from Committee Members (*after each speaker*)

10:45 A.M. BREAK

11:00 A.M. MONTANA ELECTION OBSERVATION INITIATIVE

- Jeff Mangan and Geraldine Custer, Initiative Co-Chairs
- Questions & Comments from Committee Members

NOON LUNCH

Lunch will be provided for committee members

12:30 P.M. SIGNATURE VERIFICATION TRAINING OVERVIEW

- TBA, Office of the Secretary of State
- County Election Administrators - Regina Plettenberg, Ravalli County; Janel Tucek, Fergus County; Eric Semerad, Gallatin County
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- 1:15 P.M. CHAIN OF CUSTODY FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS**
- County Election Administrators - Regina Plettenberg, Ravalli County; Janel Tucek, Fergus County; Eric Semerad, Gallatin County
 - Questions & Comments from Committee Members (*after each speaker*)
- 2:00 P.M. BREAK**
- 2:15 P.M. GEORGIA ELECTION LAW AMENDMENTS**
- Andria Hardin, Staff Attorney
 - Questions & Comments from Committee Members
- 2:45 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 3:15 P.M. COMMITTEE WORK SESSION**
- Next Steps for Committee
 - Upcoming Meetings - Dates, Topics/Presentations
 - Committee Legislation Ideas
 - Committee Final Report
- 4:45 P.M. ADJOURN**

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