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AGENDA

August 4, 2020

8:30 a.m.

Video Conference Meeting

Please note: All times are tentative. Some items may take more or less time than scheduled. The commission will take breaks and additional public comment* at the discretion of the presiding officer.

- 8:30 a.m. **Call to order -- Roll call** -- Presiding Officer Sheila Stearns
Welcome and opening remarks
- 8:45 a.m. **Census Operations Update**
→ Mary Craigle, Bureau Chief and Census Manager, Research and Information Services, Montana Department of Commerce
→ Commission discussion and action, if any.
- 9:45 a.m. Break
- 10:00 a.m. **A Conversation with Montana Political Scientists and Public Policy Specialists**
→ Dr. Jeremy Johnson, Associate Professor, Carroll College
→ Professor Anthony Johnstone, University of Montana School of Law
→ Dr. David Parker, Professor, Montana State University
→ Dr. Sara Rinfret, Professor, University of Montana
- 11:30 a.m. **Public comment** on any topic under the commission's jurisdiction*
- 11:45 a.m. **Administrative topics** (calendars, meeting and hearing scheduling, prospective timelines, future meeting topics)
→ Commissioners and staff
- 12:15 p.m. **Adjourn**

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- Members of the public who want to offer public comment may join the meeting for the public comment periods noted on the agenda.

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- your name; and
- whether you'll be providing comment by telephone or through the Zoom meeting platform via your computer. A sturdy Internet connection and a microphone are required to provide comment by Zoom.

After providing that information, you'll receive instructions by 5 p.m. on July 31st for joining and participating in the meeting.

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