

**Welcome to the Montana Legislature  
2015 Legislator Orientation  
(With No December Training for All Legislators)  
Capitol Building, Helena**

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**Monday, January 5, 2015**

10:00 a.m. -- Budget Analysis Presentation for Members of Joint Appropriations/Finance and  
Claims Subcommittees, Room 317

12:00 p.m. -- Session convenes, House Chambers

**Tuesday, January 6, 2015**

Time	Event
8:00 a.m.	<b>Law School for Legislators</b> Helen Thigpen, et al Location: House Chambers
12:00 p.m.	<b>Presiding Officer Orientation Lunch with Committee Secretary and Staffer</b> Location: TBD
1:00 p.m.	<b>Intro to Committees</b> Sonja Nowakowski, et al Location: House Chambers
1:30 p.m.	<b>Rules and Procedures</b> Todd Everts, et al Location: House Chambers
3:00 p.m.	<b>Class III Committees Organizational Meetings in Hearing Rooms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introductions of committee members and staff</li><li>• Committee rules and procedures adopted by Legislative Council</li><li>• Presiding officer and member rights and responsibilities</li><li>• Review of work by related interim committee</li><li>• Introduction of relevant agencies</li></ul>

**Wednesday, January 7, 2015**

Time	Event
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<p><b>Class I Committees Organizational Meetings in Hearing Rooms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions of committee members and staff</li> <li>• Committee rules and procedures adopted by Legislative Council</li> <li>• Presiding officer and member rights and responsibilities</li> <li>• Review of work by related interim committee</li> <li>• Introduction of relevant agencies</li> </ul>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<p><b>Ethics Laws in Montana</b>            Todd Everts, Helen Thigpen, Jaret Coles, Alexis Sandru</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Montana's ethics and conflict of interest laws</li> <li>• Anti-discrimination policy</li> <li>• Reporting procedures</li> </ul> <p>Location: Rm 137</p>
<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Safety and Security</b> - Human Resources Staff and Sergeants at Arms            Location: House Chambers</p>
<b>1:15 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Rules Training for the Floor</b>            Todd Everts, et al            Location: House Chambers</p>
<b>1:45 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Mock Floor Session</b>            Location: Senate Chambers and House Chambers</p>
<b>2:15 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Floor Session</b>            Location: Senate Chambers and House Chambers</p>
<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	<p><b>Class II Committees Organizational Meetings in Hearing Rooms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions of committee members and staff</li> <li>• Committee rules and procedures adopted by Legislative Council</li> <li>• Presiding officer and member rights and responsibilities</li> <li>• Review of work by related interim committee</li> <li>• Introduction of relevant agencies</li> </ul>

Thursday, January 8, 2015

Time	Event		
8:00 a.m.	<b>Class I Committee Meetings in Hearing Rooms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee business as scheduled by the Presiding Officer</li> </ul>		
<b>Training Track 1: Legislators A - M Location: TBD</b>		<b>Training Track 2: Legislators N - Z Location: TBD</b>	
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10:00 a.m.	<b>Budget Training</b> Barb Smith, Joe Triem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intro to state government finances</li> <li>General Fund</li> <li>Balance, biennial comparison, and status sheets</li> <li>Revenue process</li> <li>Budget process</li> </ul>	10:00 a.m.	<b>2017 Biennium Budget</b> Amy Carlson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget issues/pressures</li> <li>RTIC revenue</li> <li>Governor's budget</li> <li>Balance sheet</li> <li>Questions</li> </ul>
11:00 a.m.	<b>2017 Biennium Budget</b> Amy Carlson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget issues/pressures</li> <li>RTIC revenue</li> <li>Governor's budget</li> <li>Balance sheet</li> <li>Questions</li> </ul>	11:00 a.m.	<b>Budget Training</b> Barb Smith, Joe Triem <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intro to state government finances</li> <li>General Fund</li> <li>Balance, biennial comparison, and status sheets</li> <li>Revenue process</li> <li>Budget process</li> </ul>
1:00 p.m.	<b>Floor Session</b> Location: Senate Chambers and House Chambers		
3:00 p.m.	<b>Class III Committee Meetings in Hearing Rooms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee business as scheduled by the Presiding Officer</li> </ul>		

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