

**Welcome to the Montana Legislature
2015 Legislator Orientation**

Capitol Building, Helena

Wednesday, December 3, 2014

Time	Event
8:30 a.m.	Rules Training for House and Senate Rules Committee Members Location: Room 317 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the existing Joint Rules and House and Senate Rules and the changes proposed by the Legislative Council for the 2015 Session
9:45 a.m.	Break
10:00 a.m.	Joint Senate and House Rules Committee Meeting Location: Room 317
11:15 a.m. or upon adjournment of Joint Rules Committee	Senate Rules Committee Meeting Location: Room 317 House Rules Committee Meeting Location: Room 172
12:00 p.m.	Adjourn

Thursday, December 4, 2014

(All sessions held in the House Chambers of the Capitol, unless otherwise noted.)

Time	Event
All Day	IT staff available in the basement of the Capitol or by calling 444-0912 for additional training or computer set up.
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast for all legislators Location: TBD
8:30 a.m.	New Leader Meeting - For majority and minority members of leadership Location: TBD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roles and responsibilities • Breakout sessions with House and Senate Chief Clerks

Training Track 1: Presiding Officers Location: Room 317		Training Track 2: All Other Legislators Location: House Chambers	
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9:30 a.m.	Committee Chairman and Joint Subcommittee Training	9:30 a.m.	Importance of Custom, Decorum, and Tradition to Legislative Institutions Brenda Erickson, NCSL (proposed)
10:30 a.m.	Break Location: 3rd Floor Snack Bar		
11:00 a.m.	Caucuses of respective parties for discussion of committee assignments Location: 1st and 3rd floors of Capitol		
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Location: TBD		
1:00 p.m.	Being Ethical in Today's Legislature Peggy Kerns, NCSL (proposed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why ethics matter • Context for a citizen legislature • Using values to guide decision making • <i>Reflections</i> video discussion 		
2:00 p.m.	Ethics Laws in Montana Todd Everts, Helen Thigpen, Jaret Coles, Alexis Sandru <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Montana's ethics and conflict of interest laws • Anti-discrimination policy • Reporting procedures Location: Room 317		
2:45 p.m.	Break		

Training Track 1: Legislators A - M Location: Room 317		Training Track 2: Legislators N - Z Location: Room 303	
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3:00 p.m.	Rules and Procedures Todd Everts, Helen Thigpen, Jaret Coles, Alexis Sandru <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitutional provisions • Statutory provisions • Legislative rules • Mason's manual of legislative procedure • Historic precedent/tradition 	3:00 p.m.	Budget Overview Taryn Purdy, Susie Lindsay
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