



# Legislative Council

## 63rd Montana Legislature

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### AGENDA (Revised 4.3.14)

Friday, April 4, 2014

Subcommittee begins at 8:00 a.m., Room 152, State Capitol

Legislative Council begins at 9:00 a.m., Room 152, State Capitol

*(Public comment may also be taken upon request after an agenda item)*

- 8:00 a.m.      Legislator Electronic Communications Subcommittee
- Members: Rep. Hunter, Rep. Blasdel, Sen. Barrett, Sen. Larsen
  - Staff: Todd Everts
- 9:00 a.m.      Full Legislative Council
- Call to Order -- Roll call -- **Senator Jeff Essmann, Presiding Officer**
- Legislative Services Division (staff, HVAC) updates -- **Susan Fox**
- Budget Update -- **Amy Carlson, Legislative Fiscal Analyst**
- IBars Update -- **Amy Carlson**
- 9:30 a.m.      2013 Session and Bill Updates
- Initiative and referenda status -- **Todd Everts**
  - SB 423 litigation update -- **Todd Everts**
  - Legislative budget updates -- **Susan Fox**
  - Session Systems update -- **Susan Fox, Steve Eller, Shawn Whyte**
- 10:00 a.m.      E-mail for Legislators Project
- Subcommittee report
  - Legal analysis -- **Todd Everts**
  - Decision whether to proceed on gathering cost and other information on uniform email address (*action item*)
- 10:30 a.m.      Break
- 10:45 a.m.      Council business: Legislative Improvement
- Follow-up on discussion for adoption of Goals for a Legislative Session Calendar, additional goals: Orientation & Training, Interim -- **Susan Fox (action item)**
  - What do other legislatures do: third installment?
    - ▶ Compensation and Calendaring survey results - **Susan Fox**
    - ▶ Leadership structures, staffing support-- **Lindsey Grovom**
    - ▶ Legislator compensation and survey results -- **Dave Bohyer, Kelly DaSilva, Susan Fox**
    - ▶ Floor privileges and access -- **Susan Fox**

**Public Comment - Stakeholder Input**

- Next steps, other items for consideration (*potential action items*)

Noon Lunch

1:00 p.m. Legislative Improvement (*continued*)

- Budget processes in other states -- **Susan Fox**
- Calendar - deadlines for introduction, committee action, revenue bills -- **Susan Fox**
- Rules - begin to identify rules that need attention, discuss subcommittee, need to meet before June 10 -- **Council members, Susan Fox**

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2:00 p.m. 2015 Session Preparation

- Legislator Orientation and Training: Proposed Curriculum -- **Susan Fox**
- Confirm tentative dates for caucus, orientation and training opportunities -- **Council members**
- Proposal for parking shuttle, discussion -- **Susan Fox**
- TVMT and Social Media - ideas for next session, training -- **K'Lynn Sloan-Harris**
- Constituent Relations -- **Sonia Gavin, Legislative Librarian**

3:30 p.m. Break

3:45 p.m. 2015 Session Budget Preparation -- **Susan Fox**

- **Guidance from Council**

**Public Comment - Stakeholder Input**

**Next meeting date: June 10, 2014**

**Need to change August 21, 2014, meeting date:**

- Suggested dates (*one day*): August 11-15, 25, or 26

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

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