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MEETING AGENDA

Updated 5/15/24

SAVA Meeting #6 - Thursday, May 23, 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 [TAB 1]

Representative Julie Dooling, Presiding Officer

- Overview of Meeting Agenda

8:05 A.M. SJ 4: PROVIDE FOR INTERIM STUDY OF PERS AND TRS [TAB 2]

- "State Pension Practices and Considerations for Montana" - David Draine, Principal Officer, The Pew Charitable Trusts, State Fiscal Policy Project
- MT Rate of Return and Asset Allocation History - Dan Villa, Executive Director, Montana Board of Investments
- "NIRS: A Look at the Outcomes of Closing a Public Pension Plan" - Dan Doonan, Executive Director, National Institute on Retirement Security
- History of the MUS-RP and Split from TRS - Shawn Graham, Executive Director, Teachers' Retirement System and Amy Berry, Associate Director of Benefits, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education
- DC Account Balances by Years of Service - William Holahan, Acting Executive Director, Montana Public Employees' Retirement Administration
- Research Request: Pensions as a Public Sector Recruitment and Retention Tool - Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
- Updating the Legislator's Guide to Montana's Public Employee Retirement Systems - Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
- Committee Questions & Discussion (*after each presentation*)
- Public Comment* on SJ 4
- Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, and Instructions to Staff

NOON

LUNCH

Hosted by the Office of the Secretary of State for SAVA committee members.

1:00 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENT* ON ANY TOPIC UNDER SAVA'S JURISDICTION

1:10 P.M. PENSION OVERSIGHT [TAB 3]

- Data Request: Public Safety System Numbers – William Holahan, Acting Executive Director, Montana Public Employees’ Retirement Administration
- Provisional Bill Drafts Related to Pension Oversight (PD0009, PD0010, PD0011, PD0012) – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
- Committee Questions & Discussion (*after each presentation*)
- Public Comment* on Pension Oversight – HB 569
- Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, and Instructions to Staff

2:10 P.M. ADMINISTRATIVE RULE REVIEW [TAB 4]

- Andria Hardin, Staff Attorney
- Committee Questions and Discussion
- Public Comment* on Administrative Rule Review Matters
- Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff

2:30 P.M. BREAK

2:40 P.M. MEMBER TOPIC: ELECTION SECURITY STUDY [TAB 5]

- Panel Discussion: Considerations for Regulating the Use of AI in Elections in Montana
 - Chris Gallus, Commissioner of Political Practices
 - Shelley Hendricksen-Scott, COPP Chief Legal Counsel
 - Darci Humphrey, Department of Justice
- Costs Associated with Cast Vote Records (SB 481) – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
- Committee Questions and Discussion (*after each presentation*)
- Public Comment* on Election Security Study
- Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff

3:50 P.M. HJ 23 SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE [TAB 6]

- Representative Ross Fitzgerald, Subcommittee Chair
- Committee Questions and Discussion
- Public Comment* on HJ 23
- Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff

4:10 P.M. EMERGING ISSUE: RTM PROTOCOL [TAB 7]

- Introduction – Lawrence Anderson
- The Use of Reconciliation of Traumatic Memories (RTM) Protocol for PTSD – Dr. Frank Bourke, Founder, Post Traumatic Training Institute
- Committee Questions and Discussion

- Public Comment* on the RTM Protocol
- Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff

5:00 P.M. MEETING WRAP UP

- Additional Instructions to Staff
- Next Meeting - Thursday, July 25, 2024
- Adjourn

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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In Person: A podium with a microphone is available for your public comment in the meeting room. You are welcome to leave written comments for the committee instead of, or in addition to, your spoken comment. Prior registration is not required; you will be asked to sign in when you arrive.

Virtually: Please complete the [online form for remote participation](#) by 5 p.m. the day prior to the meeting. You will receive an email with the login information by 11:59 p.m. the night before the meeting.

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