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10:00 a.m. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Amy Regier

10:05 a.m. **Election of Officers**

10:15 a.m. **Victim Services:** Montana Board of Crime Control Victim Services Mapping

Natalia Bowser, Executive Director, Montana Board of Crime Control

Tawny Rogers, Victim Services Liaison, Montana Board of Crime Control

- Public comment* on the topic
- Council discussion and questions

10:45 a.m. **Department of Corrections:** Update and follow-up to council questions

Director Gootkin, Dept. of Corrections

Eric Strauss, Deputy Director, Dept. of Corrections

Scott Eychner, Rehabilitation & Programs Chief Exe. Officer, Dept. of Corrections

Natalie Smitham, Chief Financial Officer, Dept. of Corrections

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11:45 a.m. **Lunch**

1:00 p.m. **Department of Public Health and Human Services:** Department updates related to council topics and SB94 (2023) implementation update

Meghan Peel, Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Division

Administrator, DPHHS

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- 1:30 p.m. **Arraignment Court:** Implementation and overview of state's first
Judge David Carter, Yellowstone County Justice Court
- Public comment* on the topic
 - Council discussion and questions
- 2:00 p.m. **2025-2026 Work Discussion:** Rules adopted by Legislative Council, interim
studies, and member topics
Laura Sherley, LSD
- Council discussion and questions
 - Public comment
- 2:15 p.m. **Public Comment*** on any topic under the Council's jurisdiction but not on this
agenda
- 2:30 p.m. **Break**
- 2:45 p.m. **Council Work Session**
- Adopt 2025-2026 work plan (*Action item*)
 - Adopt 2025-2026 meeting dates (*Action item*)
 - Other directions to staff?
- 4:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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