



## CRIMINAL JUSTICE OVERSIGHT COUNCIL 69th Montana Legislature

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### COMMITTEE STAFF

Laura Sherley - Lead Staff  
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Ania Alduenda - Secretary

# MINUTES LOG

November 18, 2025  
UM Campus Missoula  
Missoula, Montana

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### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Luke Berger, Vice Presiding Officer  
Rep. SJ Howell (D)  
Rep. Amy Regier (R)  
Alan Doane, Public Member  
Shantelle Gaynor, Public Member  
Brian Gootkin, Public Member  
Eldena Bear Don't Walk, Public Member  
Brandon Kelm, Public Member  
Jimmy Patelis, Public Member  
David Armstrong, Public Member  
Amy Tenney, Public Member  
Scott Twito, Public Member  
Chad Parker, Representing DPHHS  
Koan Mercer, Representing OPD

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Sen. Barry Usher, Presiding Officer (R)  
Sen. Laura Smith (D)  
Mark Dunn, Public Member  
Jessica Flint, Public Member  
Charlie Brereton, Public Member  
Brett Schandelson, Public Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT:****STAFF PRESENT:**

Laura Sherley, Lead Staff  
Abbie J.N. Cziok, Legal Staff  
Ania Alduenda, Secretary

**AGENDA** [\(Attachment 1\)](#)**VISITORS' LIST** [\(Attachment 2\)](#)**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

08:00:01 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

**CREDIT FOR TIME SERVED IN MONTANA****Stakeholder Roundtable**

08:01:13 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger  
08:05:38 Council Member Jessica Flint joined the meeting.  
08:05:59 Deana Lougee, Probation Parole Sergeant, Department of Corrections (COR)  
08:06:20 Brad Newman, Board Member, Montana Board of Pardons and Parole (MBPP)  
[EXHIBIT 1](#)  
08:07:32 Sen. Laura Smith joined the meeting.  
08:14:04 Tammy Hinderman, Division Administrator, Appellate Defender Division, Office of the State Public Defender (OPD)  
08:14:58 Matt Jennings, County Attorney, Missoula County  
[EXHIBIT 2](#)  
08:40:52 Dir. Brian Gootkin, COR  
08:42:26 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger  
08:42:40 Tammy Hinderman, OPD

**Committee Discussion / Questions**

08:45:59 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger  
08:47:23 Deana Lougee, COR  
08:48:12 Matt Jennings, Missoula County  
08:48:36 Brad Newman, MBPP  
08:49:07 Council Member Scott Twito  
08:51:54 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger  
08:52:29 Council Member Scott Twito

08:53:51 Council Member Eldena Bear Don't Walk  
08:56:11 Matt Jennings, Missoula County  
08:56:46 Dir. Brian Gootkin, COR  
08:57:39 Council Member Jimmy Patelis  
09:01:25 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger  
09:03:11 Council Member Eldena Bear Don't Walk  
09:06:04 Tammy Hinderman, OPD  
09:10:13 Council Member Scott Twito  
09:11:10 Tammy Hinderman, OPD  
09:12:24 Brad Newman, MBPP

#### **Stakeholder Roundtable Closing Statements**

09:14:39 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger  
09:14:58 Deana Lougee, COR  
09:17:11 Dir. Brian Gootkin, COR  
09:17:43 Brad Newman, MBPP  
09:18:44 Tammy Hinderman, OPD  
09:21:18 Matt Jennings, Missoula County

#### **Public Comment**

09:22:33 May Simmons, Lake County Resident  
[EXHIBIT 3](#)  
09:25:31 Alden Hoagland

#### **SILOED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS**

09:27:45 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger  
09:27:57 Matt Jennings, County Attorney, Missoula County  
[EXHIBIT 4](#)

#### **Committee Discussion / Questions**

09:55:56 Council Member Alan Doane  
09:56:02 Matt Jennings, Missoula County  
09:57:49 Council Member Shantelle Gaynor

#### **Public Comment**

10:00:16 May Simmons, Lake County Resident  
10:02:33 Alden Hoagland  
10:04:23 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger  
  
10:05:04 **Recessed**  
10:23:20 **Reconvened**

#### **VICARIOUS TRAUMA IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

10:24:00 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger

**Research Presentation**

10:24:34 Laura Sherley, Lead Staff, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
[EXHIBIT 5](#)  
[EXHIBIT 6](#)

**Stakeholder Roundtable**

10:26:38 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger  
10:27:01 Andrew Laue, Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Activate Resiliency  
10:27:45 Stacey Umhey, Executive Director, Supporters of Abuse Free Environments (S.A.F.E.)  
[EXHIBIT 7](#)  
10:28:27 Joan Burbidge, Center of Defense Excellence (CODE) Attorney, Office of the State Public Defender (OPD)  
10:29:32 Lt. Eric Gilbertson, Patrol Division, Lewis & Clark County Sheriff's Office (See Exhibit 5)

**Committee Discussion / Questions**

10:50:59 Council Member Shantelle Gaynor  
10:52:13 Andrew Laue, Activate Resiliency  
10:54:51 Stacey Umhey, S.A.F.E.  
10:57:04 Joan Burbidge, OPD  
10:59:44 Lt. Eric Gilbertson, Lewis & Clark County Sheriff's Office  
11:06:41 Sen. Laura Smith  
11:07:06 Lt. Eric Gilbertson, Lewis & Clark County Sheriff's Office  
11:07:23 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger  
11:09:03 Andrew Laue, Activate Resiliency  
11:12:50 Joan Burbidge, OPD

**Public Comment**

11:15:54 May Simmons, Lake County Resident  
11:18:13 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana County Attorneys' Association (MCAA) and Montana Sheriffs' and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

**Committee Discussion / Questions**

11:22:22 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger  
11:22:57 Nanette Gilbertson, MCAA and MSPOA

**Public Comment - Continued**

11:24:07 Beth Brennehan, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

**COUNCIL WORK SESSION****Next Steps for January 15, 2026 Meeting**

11:28:19 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger  
11:28:31 Laura Sherley, Lead Staff, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY TOPIC UNDER THE COUNCIL'S JURISDICTION**

11:29:54 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger  
11:30:37 Amanda McKnight, Trout Creek, MT Resident  
[EXHIBIT 8](#)  
11:34:04 Sophie Trudgeln  
11:36:15 May Simmons, Lake County Resident

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AFTERNOON TOURS AND MEETING WRAP UP**

11:38:52 Vice Presiding Officer Luke Berger

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:39:33