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69th Montana Legislature

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State Capitol, Room 137 and Zoom

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8:00 a.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Senator Shane Morigeau, Acting Presiding Officer

- Introduction of committee members and staff

8:15 a.m.

Election of Officers

8:45 a.m.

Administrative Matters

Laura Sherley, Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Julianne Burkhardt, Attorney, LSD

Angie Carter, Financial Manager, LSD

- Staff roles and responsibilities
- Committee website overview
- Rules, Procedures, and Guidelines for Interim Committees
 - Proxies – *action item*
- Summary of 2025 Law & Justice Legislation
- SB 64: Legislator reimbursement changes
- Questions from the committee

9:15 a.m.

Agency Introductions and Overviews: Major accomplishments or changes since the previous interim and objectives for the coming interim.

- Office of Court Administrator – *Dave McAlpin, Supreme Court Administrator*
- Department of Justice – *Alan Doane, Legislative Liaison*
- Board of Crime Control – *Leo Dutton, Chairman, and Natalia Bowser, Exec. Dir.*
- Department of Corrections – *Eric Strauss, Deputy Director, and Dept Exec. Team*
- Board of Pardons and Parole – *Steve Hurd, Chairman*
- Office of State Public Defender – *Brett Schandelson, Director*

11:15 a.m.

Break

11:30 a.m.

Public comment on agency oversight

- 11:45 a.m. **Overview of Draft Work Plan and Administrative Rule Review**
Laura Sherley, LSD
Julianne Burkhardt, LSD
- Administrative rule review
 - Statutory duties
 - Interim studies
 - Brief overview of study options
 - Public comment* on the work plan
 - Questions from the committee
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m. **Legislation Update:** Outcome of 2025 Legislation requested by the Senate Select Committee on Judicial Oversight & Reform
Laura Sherley, LSD
- Public comment* on the topic
 - Questions from the committee
- 1:45 p.m. **Public comment*** on any item within the committee's jurisdiction but not on this agenda
- 2:00 p.m. **Committee Work Session**
- Work plan decision matrix – *action item (final adoption can take place at next meeting)*
 - Adopt meeting dates – *action item*
 - Additional instructions to staff, if any
- 3:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

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