



# State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee

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## MEETING AGENDA

*Updated 1/6/26*

SAVA Meeting #4 – Monday, January 12, 2026  
Room 102, Capitol Building, Helena

*All times are approximate. Some agenda items may take more or less time than scheduled.*

- 9:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER | ROLL CALL | OPENING REMARKS [TAB 1]**  
*Senator Theresa Manzella, Presiding Officer*
- 9:05 A.M. PENSION OVERSIGHT [TAB 2]**
- BOI Biannual Report, BOI Investment Practices, and HB 228 (2023) Implementation – Dan Villa, Executive Director
  - Public Comment\*
  - Committee Questions
- 9:50 A.M. ADMINISTRATIVE RULE REVIEW [TAB 3]**
- Overview of January Rule Review Memo – Andria Hardin, Staff Attorney
  - Public Comment\*
  - Committee Questions
- 10:35 A.M. BREAK**
- 10:45 A.M. PUBLIC COMMENT\* ON ANY TOPIC UNDER SAVA'S JURISDICTION [TAB 4]**
- 11:15 A.M. COMMITTEE LEGISLATION IDEA TRACKER [TAB 5]**
- Committee Legislation Idea Tracker – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
  - Public Comment\*
  - Committee Questions
- 11:30 A.M. LUNCH**  
*Hosted by the Office of the Secretary of State for SAVA members*
- 12:30 P.M. HJ 48: STUDY OF MOVING THE PRIMARY ELECTION [TAB 6]**
- Panel Discussion – School Election & School Funding Schedules
    - Katie Bloodgood & Dylan Klapmeier, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
    - Shay Baize, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)
    - Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)
    - Eric Semerad, Gallatin County Election Administrator
    - Rob Watson, School Administrators of Montana (SAM) (*tentative*)

- Research Requests – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
  - Committee Survey Results
  - Modeling Possible Changes to Primary Date
  - Voter Turnout Trends in Other States
- Public Comment\*
- Committee Work Session – Next Steps for HJ 48 Study

**2:10 P.M.      BREAK**

**2:20 P.M.      SJ 35: STUDY OF VOTER LIST MAINTENANCE & INTEGRITY [TAB 7]**

- SAVE Update & Presidential Executive Order re. Elections – Austin James, Office of the Secretary of State
- UOCAVA Voters
  - Recording of Heather Honey's 1/8/25 Presentation to the Senate State Administration Committee
  - County Procedures in Montana – Toni Kramer, Lake County Election Administrator & Eric Semerad, Gallatin County Election Administrator
- Voters of Unsound Mind – Andria Hardin, Staff Attorney
- Research Requests – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
  - Information Sharing – Utility Companies, Consumer Crediting Agencies, Returned Jury Notices, MVD Change of Address, MOUs with Other States
- Public Comment\*
- Committee Work Session – Next Steps for SJ 35 Study

**4:55 P.M.      MEETING WRAP UP**

- Additional Instructions to Staff
- Upcoming Meetings:
  - Monday, March 9, 2026
  - Monday, May 4, 2026
  - Tuesday, July 7, 2026
  - Wednesday, September 2, 2026
  - Tuesday, October 27, 2026

**5:00 P.M.      ADJOURNMENT**

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