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MEETING AGENDA

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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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