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MEETING AGENDA

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SAVA Meeting #1 – Wednesday, July 30, 2025

Room 137, Capitol Building, Helena

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

8:30 A.M. CALL TO ORDER | ROLL CALL | WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS [TAB 1]

Senator Mike Cuffe, Acting Presiding Officer

9:00 A.M. AGENCY INTRODUCTIONS AND OVERVIEWS [TAB 6]

9:00 a.m. Department of Administration

- Misty Ann Giles, Director
- Committee Questions & Discussion

9:20 A.M. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS [TABS 3, 4, & 5]

Rebecca Power, Research Analyst

Angie Carter, Financial Manager

- SB 64 – Legislator Reimbursement Changes
- Rules, Procedures, & Guidelines for Interim Committees
 - Proxy Votes
- 2025 SAVA Legislation Summary
- Introduction to SAVA
 - SAVA Responsibilities
 - Staff Roles & Responsibilities
 - Committee Website Overview
- Preliminary Discussion of Draft Work Plan
- Proposed Meeting Schedule (*Pg. 17 of Draft Work Plan*)
- Committee Questions & Discussion

10:10 A.M. BREAK

10:20 A.M. AGENCY INTRODUCTIONS AND OVERVIEWS (*CONTINUED*) [TAB 6]

10:20 a.m. Office of the Secretary of State

- Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State
- Committee Questions & Discussion

10:40 a.m. Office of the Commissioner of Political Practices

- Chris Gallus, Commissioner of Political Practices
- Committee Questions & Discussion

11:00 a.m. Department of Military Affairs

- Brigadier General Trent Gibson, Director and Adjutant General
- Committee Questions & Discussion

11:20 a.m. Montana Veterans' Affairs Division

- Kelly Ackerman, Division Administrator
- Committee Questions & Discussion

11:40 A.M. LUNCH

Hosted by the Office of the Secretary of State for SAVA members

12:45 P.M. PUBLIC COMMENT* ON ANY TOPIC UNDER SAVA'S JURISDICTION [TAB 8]

1:00 P.M. AGENCY INTRODUCTIONS AND OVERVIEWS (*CONTINUED*) [TAB 6]

1:00 p.m. Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration

- William Holahan, Executive Director
- Committee Questions & Discussion

1:20 p.m. Teachers' Retirement System

- Shawn Graham, Executive Director
- Committee Questions & Discussion

1:40 p.m. Montana Board of Investments

- Dan Villa, Executive Director
- Committee Questions & Discussion

2:00 P.M. BREAK

2:15 P.M. OVERVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULE REVIEW DUTIES [TAB 7]

Andria Hardin, Attorney

- Administrative Rulemaking Process & Committee Role
- Committee Questions & Discussion
- Public Comment* on Administrative Rule Review
- Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff

2:45 P.M. WORK SESSION – SAVA WORK PLAN [TABS 4 & 5]

Rebecca Power, Research Analyst

- Draft Work Plan, Assigned Studies, Proposed Meeting Schedule
- Committee Questions & Discussion
- Public Comment* on Draft Work Plan
- Additional Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action, & Instructions to Staff

3:25 P.M. MEETING WRAP UP

- Additional Instructions to Staff
- Next Meeting – Thursday, September 25, 2025 (*tentative date*)

3:30 P.M. ADJOURNMENT

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