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MEETING AGENDA

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SAVA Meeting #6 – Monday, May 4, 2026
Room 154, Capitol Building, Helena

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

- 8:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER | ROLL CALL | OPENING REMARKS [TAB 1]**
Senator Theresa Manzella, Presiding Officer
- 8:05 A.M. EMERGING ISSUE – VETERANS CLAIM CONSULTING [TAB 2]**
- Veterans Guardian – John Blomstrom, Manager, Government & Public Affairs, Veterans Guardian & Member, National Association of Veterans Rights
 - Public Comment* re. Veterans' Services
 - Committee Discussion
- 8:30 A.M. EMERGING ISSUE – RESIDENCY V. DOMICILE [TAB 3]**
- Residency v. Domicile – Andria Hardin, Staff Attorney
 - Public Comment* re. Residency v. Domicile
 - Committee Discussion
- 8:55 A.M. EMERGING ISSUE – ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION [TAB 4]**
- SB 8 (2025): Online Voter Registration – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
 - Public Comment* re. Online Voter Registration
 - Committee Discussion
- 9:20 A.M. SJ 35: STUDY OF VOTER LIST MAINTENANCE & INTEGRITY [TAB 5]**
- UOCAVA Data – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
 - Voters of Unsound Mind: Litigation Update – Andria Hardin, Staff Attorney
 - Public Comment* re. SJ 35 Study
 - Committee Work Session – SJ 35 Study Plan & Next Steps
- 10:20 A.M. BREAK**
- 10:30 A.M. MEMBER TOPIC: ELECTION SUPPORT PILOT PROGRAM [TAB 6]**
- Programs in Other States – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
 - Public Comment* re. Election Support Pilot Program
 - Committee Discussion

- 11:00 A.M. ADMINISTRATIVE RULE REVIEW [TAB 7]**
- Overview of May Rule Memo – Andria Hardin, Staff Attorney
 - Public Comment* re. March Rule Memo
 - Committee Discussion
- 11:30 A.M. PUBLIC COMMENT* ON ANY TOPIC UNDER SAVA'S JURISDICTION [TAB 8]**
- NOON LUNCH**
Hosted by the Office of the Secretary of State for SAVA members
- 1:00 P.M. HJ 48: STUDY OF MOVING THE PRIMARY ELECTION [TAB 9]**
- Election Calendar Models & Primary Dates in Other States – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
 - Committee Discussion of Committee Proposals
 - Public Comment* re. HJ 48 Study
 - Committee Work Session – Next Steps for HJ 48 Study
- 1:50 P.M. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION [TAB 10]**
- DOA Centralization Initiatives – Misty Ann Giles, Director
 - Public Comment* re. DOA Presentation
 - Committee Discussion
- 2:50 P.M. BREAK**
- 3:00 P.M. OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE [TAB 11]**
- Response to Committee Requests – Austin James, Chief Legal Counsel & Director of Elections, Office of the Secretary of State
 - Follow-up to March Memo
 - UOCAVA Process Demonstration
 - Election Judge Recruitment / Election Support Ideas
 - HB 488 (2025) – Electronic Ballot Return for Disabled Voters
 - Impact of Changes to the Online Administrative Rules Platform
 - Current Voter List Maintenance Procedures
 - Voter Registration Application
 - SB 440 (2025) Template, Communication, & Training Update
 - Implementation of Presidential Executive Order
 - Public Comment* re. SOS Presentations
 - Committee Discussion
- 4:30 P.M. COMMITTEE WORK SESSION [TAB 12]**
- Legislation Drafts & Idea Tracker – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
 - PD1 – Forwardable Voter Registration Notifications
 - PD2 – Changing Frequency of Death Notifications to County Clerks
 - PD3 – Align Filing Deadlines for Special District & School Elections
 - PD4 – Providing Funding for 3 Additional VSOs
 - Committee Work Plan – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
 - Public Comment* re. Committee Work Session
 - Committee Questions

5:25 P.M. MEETING WRAP UP [TAB 13]

- Upcoming Meetings:
 - Thursday, July 9, 2026
 - Wednesday, September 2, 2026
 - Tuesday, October 27, 2026

5:30 P.M. ADJOURNMENT

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