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MEETING AGENDA

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SAVA Meeting #7 – Thursday, July 9, 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

- Meeting Overview and Interim Committee Review of Agency Bills – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst

8:05 A.M. AGENCY OVERSIGHT – DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS [TAB 2]

- DMA Agency Update & Legislation Proposals – Brigadier General Trenton Gibson, Adjutant General Montana National Guard and Director, Department of Military Affairs
- Public Comment* re. DMA Agency Update & Legislation Proposals
- Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action

8:55 A.M. AGENCY OVERSIGHT – DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION [TAB 3]

- DOA Agency Update & Legislation Proposals – Misty Ann Giles, Director, Department of Administration
- Public Comment* re. DOA Agency Update & Legislation Proposals
- Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action

10:05 A.M. EMERGING ISSUE – REDISTRICTING [TAB 4]

- Redistricting Memo – Andria Hardin, Staff Attorney
- Public Comment* re. Redistricting Memo
- Committee Discussion

10:20 A.M. BREAK

10:30 A.M. AGENCY OVERSIGHT – OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE [TAB 5]

- SOS Agency Update – Angela Nunn, Chief Deputy, Office of the Secretary of State
- 2026 Primary Election Reconciliation Report (SB 440 Report) – Stuart Fuller, Elections Department, Office of the Secretary of State

- Public Comment* re. SOS Agency Update & Legislation Proposals
- Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action

11:30 A.M. PUBLIC COMMENT* ON ANY TOPIC UNDER SAVA'S JURISDICTION [TAB 6]

NOON LUNCH

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1:00 P.M. PENSION OVERSIGHT [TAB 7]

- TRS Experience Study – Shawn Graham, Executive Director, Teachers' Retirement System
- MPERA Experience Study – William Holahan, Executive Director, Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration
- Draft 2026 Legislator's Guide to Montana's Public Employee Retirement Systems – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
- Public Comment* re. Experience Study Presentations & Draft 2026 Legislator's Guide
- Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action

2:15 P.M. AGENCY OVERSIGHT – RETIREMENT SYSTEMS [TAB 8]

- TRS Agency Update & Legislation Proposals – Shawn Graham, Executive Director, Teachers' Retirement System
- MPERA Agency Update & Legislation Proposals – William Holahan, Executive Director, Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration
- Public Comment* re. TRS & MPERA Agency Updates & Legislation Proposals
- Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action

2:50 P.M. BREAK

3:00 P.M. EMERGING ISSUE – ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION [TAB 9]

- Security & Signature Verification – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
- Public Comment* re. Online Voter Registration
- Committee Discussion, Potential Committee Action

3:30 P.M. SJ 35: STUDY OF VOTER LIST MAINTENANCE & INTEGRITY [TAB 10]

- UOCAVA & Birth Tourism Research Requests – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
- Draft SJ 35 Final Report – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
- Public Comment* re. SJ 35 Study
- Committee Work Session, Potential Committee Action

4:15 P.M. COMMITTEE WORK SESSION [TAB 11]

- Agency Required Reports – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
- Draft HJ 48 Final Report – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst
- Committee Legislation Drafts – Rebecca Power, Research Analyst & Andria Hardin, Staff Attorney

- PD1 – Forwardable Voter Registration Notifications (*updated*)
- PD2 – Changing Frequency of Death Notifications to SOS (*updated*)
- PD3 – Change Filing Deadlines for Special Districts (*updated*)
- PD4 – Providing Funding for 3 Additional VSOs (*updated*)
- PD5 – Providing regulations for veteran disability claims companies
- PD6 – Allowing for youth election judges
- PD7 – Providing employment protections for individuals who serve as election judges
- PD8 – Revising timeframes for election-related public notices
- PD9 – Making federal election day a state employee holiday
- PD11 – Clarifying funding provisions for the Youth Voting Act
- PD15 – Providing a definition of penal institution
- PD16 – Revising voting laws related to individuals of unsound mind
- Public Comment* re. Committee Work Session
- Committee Questions, Potential Committee Action
- Upcoming Meetings:
 - Wednesday, September 2, 2026
 - Tuesday, October 27, 2026

5:30 P.M. ADJOURNMENT

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