



State-Tribal Relations Interim Committee

69th Montana Legislature

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FINAL AGENDA

(Updated 6/2/2026)

June 17 & 18, 2026

Please note: All times and agenda items are subject to change

Wednesday, June 17 – Rocky Boy's Agency

- 10:00 a.m. **STRC Call to Order, Roll Call, Prayer, Introduction**
(Chippewa-Cree Tribal Office, 96 Clinic Road, Box Elder) *Please note: although the address is Box Elder, the building is located at Rocky Boy's Agency, approximately 14 miles from Box Elder*
- Rep. Tyson Running Wolf, Chair
- 10:10 a.m. **Meet with Chippewa-Cree Tribal Business Committee**
(Tribal Office)
- Public comment
- 11:10 a.m. **Update on Route 6 Corridor Master Plan**
(Tribal Office)
- Ann Schwend, Community Planning Program Supervisor, Montana Department of Commerce
 - Public comment
 - Discussion
- 11:25 a.m. **Public comment on any matter within STRC's jurisdiction**
- 11:30 a.m. **STRC adjourn, followed by lunch for the STRC and the Chippewa-Cree Tribal Business Committee**
- 12:15 p.m. **Tour of Miyo Youth Wellness Center**
Emily R. Kallenberger, Director, Miyo Youth Wellness Center
(201 Danny Duke Way, Box Elder)
- 1:30 p.m. **Tour of Chippewa-Cree Tribal Buffalo Pasture**
Theron Oats, Buffalo Ranch Manager
(West Main Street, Box Elder)

Thursday, June 18 – Fort Belknap Indian Community (FBIC)

- 10:00 a.m. **Tour of Snake Butte and Buffalo Pasture**
Bronc Speakthunder/Yvonne Stanley
(183 Food Farm Ave, Fort Belknap Agency, MT)
Park vehicles in parking lot in front of Smokehouse Grill and board transit buses.
- Tour Aaniiih Nakoda College**
Michele Brockie, Assistant to the President, Aaniiih Nakoda College
(269 Blackfeet Ave., Harlem, MT)
- 12:00 p.m. **Lunch for the STRC and Fort Belknap Indian Community (FBIC) Council**
(Little River Learning Lodge Commons Area, Aaniiih Nakoda College)
- 1:00 p.m. **STRC Call to Order, Roll Call, Prayer, Introduction**
(Returning Buffalo Building, Room 213, Aaniiih Nakoda College)
 - Rep. Tyson Running Wolf, Chair
- 1:10 p.m. **Meet with the FBIC Council**
(Room 213)
 - Public comment
- 2:15 p.m. **Update from Dept. of Labor & Industry Office of Tribal Liaison**
(Room 213)
 - Donnie Wetzel, Jr., Tribal Liaison, Dept. of Labor & Industry
 - Public comment
 - Discussion
- 2:30 p.m. **Committee Work Session: State-Tribal Consultation Bill Drafts Review**
(Room 213)
 - Dr. Casey Pallister, Lead Staff
 - Public comment
 - Discussion
- 3:00 p.m. **Committee Work Session: MMIP Grant Program Bill Draft Review**
(Room 213)
 - Dr. Casey Pallister, Lead Staff
 - Public comment
 - Discussion
- 3:30 p.m. **Committee Work Session: SJ 29 Report Review**
(Room 213)
 - Dr. Casey Pallister, Lead Staff
 - Public comment
 - Discussion
- 4:00 p.m. **Public comment on any matter within STRC's jurisdiction**
(Room 213)
- 4:15 p.m. **STRC adjourn**