

# BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA

January 23-24, 2025  
Montana School Boards Association  
863 Great Northern Blvd  
Helena, MT

Thursday, January 23, 2025  
8:30 AM

## CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call
- C. Statement of Public Participation
- D. Welcome Visitors

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*Action may be taken on any item listed on the Board agenda. Per §2-3-103, MCA, the Board encourages public comment on any item prior to Board final action.*

## CONSENT AGENDA – page #9

*(Items may be pulled from Consent Agenda upon request)*

- A. November 20-22, 2024 and December 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- B. Financials

## ADOPT AGENDA

### ❖ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Dr. Tim Tharp (Item 1)

Item 1 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR – 5 Minutes, page #27  
McCall Flynn

### ❖ REPORTS – Dr. Tim Tharp (Items 2-6)

Item 2 CHAIRPERSON REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #28  
Dr. Tim Tharp

- Welcome New Board Member

Item 3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #29  
McCall Flynn

Item 4 STATE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – 1 Hour, page #30  
State Superintendent Susie Hedalen

- Transportation Report

- Assessment Update
- Federal Report
- Accreditation Report
- Content Standards Revision Update

Item 5 GOVERNOR’S OFFICE REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #42  
Dylan Klapmeier

Item 6 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #43  
Dr. Angela McLean

❖ CHARTER COMMITTEE – Jane Hamman (Items 7-8)

Item 7 UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CHOICE SCHOOL COMMISSION – 15 Minutes, page #44  
Trish Schreiber

Item 8 WORK SESSION ON THE APPROVAL AND DENIAL OF PUBLIC CHARTER  
SCHOOLS – 1.5 Hours, page #45  
Jane Hamman

\*\*\*\*\*LUNCH BREAK\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*Lunch will be provided for Board members\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*RECONVENE AT 1:00 PM\*\*\*\*\*

❖ LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Jane Hamman (Items 9-13)

Item 9 INFORMATION ON PRAXIS REGENERATED TEST REVIEW AND QUALIFYING  
SCORES FOR SOCIAL STUDIES, INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY, AND FAMILY AND  
CONSUMER SCIENCE – 15 Minutes, page #47  
Crystal Andrews

Item 10 INFORMATION ON ANNUAL EDUCATOR LICENSURE REPORT – 15 Minutes, page  
#52  
Crystal Andrews

Item 11 INFORMATION ON MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY SPECIAL EDUCATION  
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM – 15 Minutes, page #73  
Crystal Andrews

Item 12 PRESENTATION ON ABCTE INTERIM REPORT FOR ALTERNATIVE  
CREDENTIALING – 30 Minutes, page #77  
Isabell Welch, ABCTE and Crystal Andrews

Item 13 INFORMATION ON THE QUALITY EDUCATOR LOAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – 15  
Minutes, page #81  
Dr. Julie Murgel

❖ ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Madalyn Quinlan (Items 14-15)

Item 14 ACTION ON THE NOTICE OF ADOPTION PERTAINING TO THE ADOPTION,  
AMENDMENT, AND REPEAL OF ARM, TITLE 10, CHAPTER 53, MATHEMATICS  
CONTENT STANDARDS, AND AUTHORIZE FILING OF THE NOTICE WITH THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE’S OFFICE FOR PUBLICATION IN THE MONTANA  
ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER – 5 Minutes, page #84  
Madalyn Quinlan

Item 15                    **ACTION ON THE NOTICE OF ADOPTION PERTAINING TO THE ADOPTION AND REPEAL OF ARM, TITLE 10, CHAPTER 54, WORLD LANGUAGE CONTENT STANDARDS, AND AUTHORIZE FILING OF THE NOTICE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE’S OFFICE FOR PUBLICATION IN THE MONTANA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER – 5 Minutes, page #88**  
Madalyn Quinlan

\*\*\*\*\***TIME CERTAIN AT 2:45 PM**\*\*\*\*\*

❖ **LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Jane Hamman (Item 16)**

Item 16                    **ACTION ON CONTESTED CASE HEARING BPE CASE #2024-10, MAHERAS – 1 Hour, page #94**  
Aislinn Brown

❖ **REPORTS – Dr. Tim Tharp (Item 17)**

Item 17                    **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #95**  
Gavin Mow

❖ **MSDB LIAISON – Lisa Schmidt (Item 18)**

Item 18                    **MSDB REPORT – 30 Minutes, page #96**  
Paul Furthmyre

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- **Personnel Action**
- **Out of State Travel Requests**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading MSDB Policies**

\*\*\*\*\***CLOSED SESSION**\*\*\*\*\*

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Dr. Tim Tharp (Item 19)**

Item 19                    **MSDB SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION – 30 Minutes, page #194**  
Dr. Tim Tharp

\*\*\*\*\***OPEN SESSION**\*\*\*\*\*

**RECESS**

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❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Dr. Tim Tharp (Items 20-22)**

Item 20                    **ACTION ON MSDB SUPERINTENDENT 2024-2025 CONTRACT – 15 Minutes, page #196**  
Dr. Tim Tharp

Item 21                    **ACTION ON TRANSFORMATIONAL LEARNING GRANTS – 15 Minutes, page #197**

**Krystal Smith**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- **Qualify Applications**
- **Annual Reports**

**Item 22**                    **ACTION ON ADVANCED OPPORTUNITY GRANTS – 15 Minutes, page #204**  
**Krystal Smith**

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❖ **MACIE LIAISON – Dr. Tim Tharp (Items 23-24)**

**Item 23**                    **MACIE REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #213**  
**Jordann Lankford Forster**

**Item 24**                    **INFORMATION ON GOVERNOR’S BUDGET REQUEST – 15 Minutes, page #217**  
**April Grady**

❖ **CHARTER COMMITTEE – Jane Hamman (Item 25)**

**Item 25**                    **ACTION ON THE RESOLUTIONS TO APPROVE AND DENY PUBLIC CHARTER**  
**SCHOOLS – 1 Hour, page #219**  
**Jane Hamman**

❖ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Dr. Tim Tharp (Item 26)**

**Item 26**                    **RECOGNITION OF EXITING BOARD MEMBER – 15 Minutes, page #220**  
**Dr. Tim Tharp**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – March 11-12, 2025 – East Helena, MT**

MACIE Update  
Action on MSDB School Calendar  
Action on Early Literacy Screening Tools (Odd Years)  
Assessment Update  
Federal Update  
Accreditation Report  
Annual School Food Services Report  
Review Draft CAEP MOU  
Content Standards Revision Update

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❖ **BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TOURS**

**11:30AM**                    **PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL CLASSROOM OBSERVATION**  
**Mount Ascension Learning Academy**  
**Exploration Works, 995 Carousel Way, Helena, MT**

**12:15PM**                    **PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL ROUNDTABLE LUNCH**  
**Central Elementary School, 402 North Warren, Helena, MT**

**1:15PM**                    **PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL CLASSROOM OBSERVATION**  
**Montessori Charter School**  
**Central Elementary School, 402 North Warren, Helena, MT**