

# BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA

July 17-19, 2024  
Montana State Capitol Building, Room 152  
Helena, MT

Wednesday July 17, 2024  
10:00AM

## CALL TO ORDER

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

## PUBLIC COMMENT

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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 #10

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

- A. May 9-10, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- B. Financials

## ADOPT AGENDA

### STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION – Dr. Tim Tharp – 2 Hours, page #26

- REVIEW STRATEGIC PLAN
- REVIEW BYLAWS
- REVIEW COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS
- REVIEW MEETING CALENDAR AND AGENDA CALENDAR 2025
- ADVISORY COUNCIL REFLECTION AND REVIEW
- LEGISLATIVE IMPLEMENTATION REFLECTION AND REVIEW

## PUBLIC COMMENT ON STRATEGIC PLANNING ITEMS

\*\*\*\*\*LUNCH BREAK\*\*\*\*\*

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

❖ **REPORTS – Dr. Tim Tharp (Items 1-5)**

- Item 1                    **CHAIRPERSON REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #35**  
Dr. Tim Tharp
- Item 2                    **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #36**  
McCall Flynn
- Item 3                    **STATE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – 1 Hour, page #37**  
State Superintendent Elsie Arntzen
- **Assessment Update**
  - **MAST Update**
  - **Federal Update**
  - **Data Modernization Update**
  - **Content Standards Revision Update**
  - **OPI Staffing Report**
- Item 4                    **GOVERNOR’S OFFICE REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #70**  
Dylan Klapmeier
- Item 5                    **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #71**  
Gavin Mow

❖ **LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Susie Hedalen (Items 6-9)**

- Item 6                    **ACTION TO ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE THE CLASS 7 LICENSURE CRITERIA FOR CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBE OF THE ROCKY BOY RESERVATION – 15 Minutes, page #72**  
Matthew Bell
- Item 7                    **LITIGATION UPDATE – 15 Minutes, page #78**  
Aislinn Brown
- Item 8                    **NOTICE OF THE SURRENDER OF BPE CASE #2024-07 – 5 Minutes, page #79**  
Brenton Craggs

\*\*\*\*\***TIME CERTAIN AT 3:15PM**\*\*\*\*\*

- Item 9                    **ACTION ON APPEAL HEARING OF BPE CASE #2024-04, OLIVER – 1.5 Hours, page #80**  
Aislinn Brown

**RECESS**

**Thursday July 18, 2024**  
**8:30 AM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

❖ EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Dr. Tim Tharp (Items 10-12)

Item 10 ACTION ON MEMBERSHIP TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION (NASBE) – 15 Minutes, page #82  
McCall Flynn

Item 11 INFORMATION ON MONTANA SCHOOL INSURANCE ALLIANCE – 15 Minutes, page #89  
John Doran

Item 12 INFORMATION ON OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION REGIONAL CAREER COACHES – 30 Minutes, page #100  
Mary Heller

❖ REPORTS – Dr. Tim Tharp (Item 13)

Item 13 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #122  
Dr. Angela McLean

❖ MACIE LIAISON – Susie Hedalen (Items 14-15)

Item 14 MACIE REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #133  
Jordann Lankford Forster

**ACTION ITEM**

- Action on Fort Peck Tribal Representative

Item 15 AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT PANEL AND DISCUSSION – 1 Hour, page #135  
Jordann Lankford Forster, Ivan Small, Carrie Kouba, Crystal Hickman

❖ ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Madalyn Quinlan (Items 16-22)

Item 16 REVIEW OF SUPERINTENDENT’S PROPOSED REVISIONS TO ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 53, MATHEMATICS CONTENT STANDARDS – 1 Hour, page #155  
Dr. Julie Murgel, Marie Judisch

\*\*\*\*\*LUNCH BREAK\*\*\*\*\*

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Item 17 REFLECTION AND REVIEW OF TITLE 10, CHAPTER 55, ACCREDITATION STANDARDS – 1 Hour, page #369  
Crystal Andrews; Dr. Julie Murgel; Daniel Sybrant, Cognia; Superintendent Tanya Funk, Saco School District; County Superintendent Pam Birkeland, Madison County Schools; Superintendent Wade Sundby, Cut Bank School District

Item 18 ACTION ON THE ACCREDITATION STATUS OF ALL SCHOOLS – 30 Minutes, page #403  
Crystal Andrews

Item 19 PANEL DISCUSSION AND FEEDBACK ON 2023-2024 ACCREDITATION PROCESS – 1 Hour, page #405  
Superintendent Elliott Crump, Shelby School District; Superintendent Dave Means, Whitefish School District; Superintendent Dan Rispens, East Helena Public Schools; Superintendent Nichole Pieper, Power School District

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON 2023-2024 ACCREDITATION PROCESS**

- Item 20                   **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ON OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION THINK TANK'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE 2024-2025 ACCREDITATION PROCESS – 30 Minutes, page #406**  
**Dr. Julie Murgel, Crystal Andrews**
- Item 21                   **ACTION ON PROVISIONAL ACCREDITATION STATUS FOR NEW PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS – 30 Minutes, page #410**  
**Crystal Andrews**
- Item 22                   **ACTION ON THE PROPOSED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND TIMELINE PERTAINING TO RULEMAKING IN ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 54, WORLD LANGUAGE CONTENT STANDARDS, AND AUTHORIZE FILING OF THE NOTICE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PUBLICATION IN THE MONTANA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER – 15 Minutes, page #415**  
**Madalyn Quinlan**

**RECESS**

**Friday July 19, 2024**  
**8:30 AM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

❖ **CHARTER COMMITTEE – Madalyn Quinlan (Items 23-26)**

- Item 23                   **UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CHOICE SCHOOL COMMISSION – 15 Minutes, page #435**  
**Trish Schreiber**
- Item 24                   **ACTION ON PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK WORK GROUP'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK METRICS AND CRITERIA – 45 Minutes, page #436**  
**Christy Mock-Stutz; Dr. Jeril Hehn, Director of Advanced Academics, Billings Public Schools; Superintendent Dan Rispens, East Helena Public Schools; Barbara Frank, Academic and Community Services Director, Missoula County Public Schools; Superintendent Erik Wilkerson, Jefferson High School**
- Item 25                   **ACTION TO DELAY THE OPENING OF JEFFERSON ACADEMY PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FOR ONE-YEAR AND REVISION OF THE CHARTER CONTRACT – 15 Minutes, page #446**  
**Madalyn Quinlan; Superintendent Erik Wilkerson, Jefferson High School**
- Item 26                   **ACTION ON AMENDMENTS TO PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTS – 15 Minutes, page #466**  
**Madalyn Quinlan**

❖ **ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE – Renee Rasmussen (Item 27)**

- Item 27                   **ACTION ON THE NOTICE OF ADOPTION PERTAINING TO THE AMENDMENT OF ARM, TITLE 10, CHAPTER 56, ASSESSMENT STANDARDS, AND AUTHORIZE FILING OF THE NOTICE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE FOR PUBLICATION IN THE MONTANA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER – 15 Minutes, page #467**  
**Renee Rasmussen**

❖ LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Susie Hedalen (Items 28-31)

- Item 28                    **INFORMATION ON ADDED ENDORSEMENTS UNDER CLASS 4 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION LICENSURE – 15 Minutes, page #469**  
Crystal Andrews, Shannon Boswell
- Item 29                    **INFORMATION ON THE RECOMMENDATION FOR INITIAL APPROVAL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA REQUEST TO IMPLEMENT HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT – 15 Minutes, page #472**  
Crystal Andrews
- Item 30                    **INFORMATION ON THE VIRTUAL JOINT SITE VISIT AND STATE EXIT REPORT OF MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – 15 Minutes, page #476**  
Crystal Andrews, Dr. Julie Murgel
- Item 31                    **INFORMATION ON THE SITE VISIT AND STATE EXIT REPORT OF MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHERN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDER IN THE COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCES, AND EDUCATION – 15 Minutes, page #516**  
Crystal Andrews, Michelle Price

\*\*\*\*\***LUNCH BREAK**\*\*\*\*\*  
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- 11:30AM                    **LUNCH AND VISIT WITH HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL AGED CHILD CARE (SACC) PROGRAM**  
Broadwater Elementary School  
900 Hollins Avenue, Entry Number 5

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

❖ MSDB LIAISON – Renee Rasmussen (Item 32)

- Item 32                    **MSDB REPORT – 1 Hour, page #581**  
Paul Furthmyre
- ACTION ITEMS:**
- **Action on Personnel Items**
  - **Action on Out of State Travel Requests**
  - **Action on GFHS/MSDB Cooperative Dance Team MHSA Agreement**
  - **Action on Final Reading of MSDB Policies 8425, 8425P, 8450, 8450F1, F2, F3, 1000 Series, 2000 Series, 4000 Series**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS September 12-13, 2024 Livingston, MT**

Election of Board Officers  
Approve Strategic Planning Items – C  
MACIE Update  
MACIE Renewal (Even Years)  
Montana Digital Academy Update  
*Annual HiSET Report*  
*Annual Special Education Report*  
*Assessment Update*  
*Accreditation Update*  
*MAST Update*  
*Federal Update*

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