

***BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION***  
***SPECIAL MEETING***

***DECEMBER 1, 2025***

***ZOOM ONLY***

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# **AGENDA**

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**Zoom**

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**Monday, December 1, 2025**  
**8:45 AM**

## CALL TO ORDER

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

## ADOPT AGENDA

### ❖ CHARTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE – Dr. Ron Slinger

9:00 AM	<b>COLUMBIA FALLS TRADES ACADEMY – 30 Minutes</b> Cory Dziowgo, Superintendent; Dustin Zuffelato, Business Manager and Clerk; Josh Gibbs, Principal; Shaun Forrest, Assistant Principal; Mark McCord, Curriculum Director; Dr. Jill Rocksund, School Board Chair; Barb Riley, School Board Vice Chair
9:35 AM	<b>CUSTER COUNTY C.L.A.S.S ACADEMY – 30 Minutes</b> Meghan Brown, Superintendent; Lenore Bricco, District Clerk; Andy Zook, School Board Chair; Tyler Niedge, Charter School Committee Liaison; Charter School Committee Members and Trustees
10:10 AM	<b>LION'S PATH ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL – 30 Minutes</b> Don Christman, Superintendent; Gwen Poole, High School Principal; Cole Cavan, High School Assistant Principal/Alternate Education Coordinator
10:45 AM	<b>BREAK – 15 Minutes</b>
11:00 AM	<b>PARK PATHWAYS SCHOOLS – 30 Minutes</b> Eldon C Johnson, Superintendent; Dr. Anne Penn Cox, Student Services Director; Becky Ayler, Middle School Principal; Todd Wester, Curriculum Director; Hanna Scheiderer, School Psychologist
11:35 AM	<b>SOAR ACADEMY – 30 Minutes</b> Todd Fiske, Superintendent; Scott Marsh, High School Principal; Sheree Jenkins, Middle School Principal
12:10 PM	<b>LUNCH BREAK – 50 Minutes</b>
1:00 PM	<b>STEVENSVILLE ALTERNATIVE STEPS CHARTER SCHOOL “STEPS” – 30 Minutes</b> Jon Konen, Superintendent; Ayse Haxton, Teacher; Zeke Kaney, High School Principal; Robert Ryan, Counselor; Katy Cardoza, Counselor

1:35 PM

**STEVENVILLE HEALTH SCIENCES ACADEMY – 30 Minutes**

**Jon Konen, Superintendent; Brittany Leatham, Bitterroot Health; Zeke Kaney, High School Principal; Robert Ryan, Counselor; Katy Cardoza, Counselor**

**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.*

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## **PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL APPLICATIONS AND LINKS**

***\*\*Click on the name of the public charter school to access the application\*\****



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## List of 2025 Public Charter School Applications

1. [Columbia Falls Trades Academy](#)
2. [Custer County C.L.A.S.S Academy](#)
3. [Lion's Path Academy](#)
4. [Park Pathways School](#)
5. [SOAR Academy](#)
6. [Stevensville Alternative STEPS Charter School](#)
7. [Stevensville Health Sciences Academy \(SHSA\)](#)

[Link to all Public Charter School Applications](#)