



## Montana Community Choice Schools Commission

### Meeting Agenda

September 9, 2026

Montana State Capitol - Room 455

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

|                           | Estimated Time | Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Call to Order</b>      | 8:30 a.m.      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pledge of Allegiance</li> <li>2. Roll Call</li> <li>3. Statement of Public Participation</li> <li>4. Welcome and Introduction of Visitors</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Note to the Public</b> |                | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Action may be taken on any item listed on the Choice Commission agenda. Per §2-3-103 MCA, <i>the Choice Commission encourages public comment on any item prior to final action.</i></li> <li>2. All times are approximate and may change as reasonably necessary.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Agenda</b>             |                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Item 1                    | 8:35 a.m.      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◊ Action: Consent Agenda Adoption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Minutes from 4/22/2026</li> <li>○ Minutes from 6/17/2026</li> </ul> </li> <li>◊ Action: Agenda Adoption for 9/9/2026</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Item 2                    | 8:40 a.m.      | Chairperson Welcome Statement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Item 3                    | 8:45 a.m.      | <p>Presentation/Discussion/Training: Michele Henson - Tribal Student Achievement Specialist, Michael Jette - Indian Education Specialist, Matthew Bell - Language and Culture Specialist - from the Office of Public Instruction Indian Education for All and Tribal Achievement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Essential Understandings</li> <li>● Montana's American Indian Achievement Gap</li> <li>● Indian Education for All Framework and Requirements of Law</li> </ul> |
|                           | 10:45 a.m.     | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Item 4                    | 11:00 a.m.     | <p>Presentation/Discussion/Training: Gina Post - Director of Membership and Consulting Services, National Association for Charter School Authorizers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● State Models for Authorizing</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                           | 12:00 p.m.     | Break: <i>lunch will be provided for Commission Members and BPE Staff &amp; Members</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Item 5                    | 12:30 p.m.     | <p>Introduction: Lauren Morando Rhim and Paul O'Neil of Sightline Education Advisory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● consultants providing Special Education training and resources</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Item 6                    | 1:00 p.m.      | <p>Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◊ Action on Design to Launch Program Overview</li> <li>◊ Action on Policy for Pre-Opening Conditions</li> <li>◊ Action on Ready to Open Checklist</li> <li>◊ Action on Pre-Opening Site Visit Checklist</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Item 7                           | 1:45 p.m. | <p>Presentation/Discussion: Cathy Kincheloe, Director of Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Preview drafts of Design to Launch Modules for Feedback from Commission Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Initial Orientation Session</li> <li>○ Mission</li> <li>○ Academics</li> <li>○ Environment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Item 8                           | 2:30 p.m. | <p>Reports:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chair Report: Trish Schreiber</li> <li>2. Treasurer Report: Chip Lindenlaub</li> <li>3. Policy Subcommittee: Jon Rutt</li> <li>4. Fundraising Subcommittee: Taylor Ramos</li> <li>5. Director of Planning Report: Cathy Kincheloe</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Item 9                           | 3:00 p.m. | Board of Public Education Executive Director Report and Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Public Comment</b>            | 3:15 p.m. | <p>This time will be provided for public comment on items not listed on the agenda. This meeting is open to the public electronically. For those wishing to give virtual public comment, please contact <a href="mailto:cathy.kincheloe@mt.gov">cathy.kincheloe@mt.gov</a> to request the Zoom link for the meeting. Written public comment may be submitted to the Director of Planning at <a href="mailto:cathy.kincheloe@mt.gov">cathy.kincheloe@mt.gov</a> and will be shared with the Commission members and included as part of the official public record.</p>                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Adjourn</b>                   | 3:30 p.m. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b><i>Note to the Public</i></b> |           | <p><b>**Agenda items are handled in the order listed on the approved agenda. Items may be rearranged unless listed “time certain.” Public comment is welcome on all items listed as “Action” and as noted at the end of each meeting.</b></p> <p><b>**The Choice Commission will make reasonable accommodations for known disabilities that may interfere with an individual’s ability to participate in the meeting. Individuals who require such accommodations should make requests to the Director of Planning as soon as possible prior to the meeting start date. You may email <a href="mailto:cathy.kincheloe@mt.gov">cathy.kincheloe@mt.gov</a> or phone at 406-407-0727.</b></p> |