



# State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee

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## Tentative Agenda

September 13, 2010 -- Room 137, State Capitol

*Please note: All times are tentative. Some agenda items may take more or less time than scheduled.*

- 8:30 a.m.      **Call to order; Roll call** -- Senator Joe Tropila, Chair  
**Approval of summary minutes:** June 24-25 meeting, August 17, if possible
- 8:32 a.m.      **Overview of agenda** -- Rachel Weiss, Research Analyst
- 8:35 a.m.      **Agency update: Board of Veterans' Affairs** -- Joe Foster, Administrator
- 8:45 a.m.      **Review of mail ballot draft**  
→ Overview of draft bill provisions -- Rachel Weiss  
→ Public comment  
→ Committee questions and discussion  
→ Possible action item: request mail ballot committee bill/assign sponsor
- 10:15 a.m.     **Agency update: Commissioner of Political Practices**  
→ Commissioner Dennis Unsworth  
→ Public comment  
→ Committee questions and discussion
- 10:45 a.m.     BREAK
- 11:00 a.m.     **Agency bill draft request process:** update on status of PERB and TRS drafts requested in August; update on Legislative Council consideration of the issue  
→ Rachel Weiss  
→ Susan Fox, Legislative Services  
→ Committee questions, discussion, action, if desired
- 11:15 a.m.     **Oversight of Public Defender Commission and certain Department of Administration entities/Request for Commission bill drafts**  
→ Sheri Heffelfinger, Lead staff, Law and Justice Interim Committee  
→ Public comment  
→ Committee questions, discussion, and action, if desired
- 11:30 p.m.     **Possible administrative rule issue: Repeal of personnel rules by Department of Administration and adoption in Montana Operations Manual**  
→ Legislative Services staff

- Public comment
- Committee questions, discussion, action, if necessary

Noon LUNCH

- 1:00 p.m. **Committee bill review:**
- 1) LC148 - Clarify sponsor notification for administrative rules
  - 2) LC253 - Amend MAPA to change required language of an e-notice of proposed rule
- David Niss, Staff Attorney
  - Public comment
  - Assign sponsors

- 1:15 p.m. **HJR35 study:** final report review, study final recommendations
- Dave Bohyer, Research Director
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion, and action

- 1:45 p.m. **HB 659: review of provisions for committee recommendations/legislation (LC 251 and LC 252)**
- Overview of provisions -- Rachel Weiss
  - Public comment
  - Committee questions, discussion, action (if necessary)
  - Assign sponsor(s)

2:15 p.m. BREAK

- 2:30 p.m. **Review of proposed topics for SAVA final report -- Rachel Weiss**
- Public comment
  - Committee questions and discussion
  - Directions to staff

2:45 p.m. **Recommendations on retirement-related proposals (TRS, PERB, stakeholders)**

3:00 p.m. **Public comment on any topic under SAVA's purview**

- 3:15 p.m. **Wrap up**
- Member issues
  - Legislator orientation information -- Rachel Weiss

**Adjourn**

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