



**MONTANA
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CHOICE SCHOOLS**

Community Choice Schools Commission Fall Advance
October 10th through October 11th, 2025
Reeder's Alley Conference Center
101 Reeder's Alley Helena, MT 59601

| | Estimated Time | Details |
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| Call to Order | 10:00 a.m. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pledge of Allegiance 2. Roll Call 3. Statement of Public Participation 4. Welcome Visitors: National Charter School Institute, Workshop Facilitators: Dr. Jim Goenner and Mary Bradley |
| Note to the Public | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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> 2. All times are approximate and may change as reasonably necessary. |
| Agenda | | <p>Theme: Guardians of Opportunity. Stewards of the Public Trust</p> <p>Core Objective: Align around a shared set of guiding principles and core values that will shape how we lead, govern, and fulfill our duties under the Montana Constitution and Community Choice Schools Law</p> |
| Item 1 | 10:10 a.m. | ◇ Action: Agenda Adoption for 10/10-11/25 |
| Item 2 | 10:15 a.m. | <p>Discussion: Strategic Advance—Chair and NCSI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome & Advanced Organizer (goals and expectations) • Why are we Advancing? • Why does it matter? |
| Item 3 | 10:45 a.m. | <p>Engagement Activity: Identifying Our Whys—NCSI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why did you say yes to serve on the Commission? • Why does the Commission exist? |
| Item 4 | 11:15 a.m. | <p>Discussion: Duties of the Commission and the Commission Members—NCSI & Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the Constitution, law and regulations (NCSI) • Oath, duties and responsibilities (Chair) |
| Recess | 12:00 p.m. | Lunch will be provided for the Commission and Workshop Facilitators |
| Item 5 | 1:00 p.m. | <p>Work Session: Review Draft Materials of Core Values—NCSI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision and Purpose • Guiding Principles and Beliefs • Core Values • Commitments |
| Recess | 2:30 p.m. | Break |
| Item 6 | 2:45 p.m. | <p>Engagement Activity: Deep Dive—NCSI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What resonates? • What feels unclear or missing? • What will it take to live these out? |

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| Item 7 | 3:45 p.m. | Discussion: The Role of the Director, the Team Leader--NCSI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examples from other states <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Organizational Structure and where Commission fits in ○ Expectations ○ Duties of Director • How will Montana do it? • What will it take to put this structure in place? |
| Public Comment | 4:30 p.m. | This time will be provided for public comment on items not listed on the agenda. This meeting is open to the public. Written public comment may be submitted to the Director of Planning at cathy.kincheloe@mt.gov and will be shared with the Commission members and included as part of the official public record. |
| Recess | 4:35 p.m. | Recess until 8:30 a.m. on 10/11/25 |
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| Agenda Cont'd | | |
| Item 8 | 8:35 a.m. | Discussion: Developing an Ecosystem for Excellence and Systems Change—NCSI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating the conditions where excellence can thrive • Being guardians of opportunity and stewards of possibility |
| Item 9 | 9:00 a.m. | Engagement Activity: Flip the Phrases—NCSI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What system conditions are needed to create an ecosystem where excellence thrives? |
| Item 10 | 9:30 a.m. | Discussion: Ensuring the Commission is Credible, Competent, and Courageous—NCSI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doing what we say we will do • Scenarios: Trust-building vs. Trust-breaking |
| Recess | 10:00 a.m. | |
| Item 11 | 10:15 a.m. | Engagement Activity: Name it—NCSI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What builds credibility with policymakers? • What builds credibility with boards? • What builds credibility with schools? • What builds credibility with communities? |
| Item 12 | 11:00 a.m. | Discussion: Looking Ahead from Vision to Implementation—Director <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When the Court says GO... • Timelines, Priorities, and Next Steps |
| Item 13 | 11:30 a.m. | Discussion: Closing Thoughts and Reflections—Chair |
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| Adjourn | 12:00 p.m. | |
| Note to the Public | | <p>**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.</p> <p>**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: Cathy Kincheloe cathy.kincheloe@mt.gov or phone at 406-407.0727.</p> |