



Board of Public Education

Board of Public Education Committee Assignments March 2026

STANDING COMMITTEES

Executive Committee

Tim Tharp, Chair
Ron Slinger, Vice Chair
McCall Flynn, Executive Director

Licensure Committee

Ron Slinger, Chair
Amanda Mills, Member
Tim Tharp, Member

Charter School Committee

Lisa Schmidt, Chair
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Tim Tharp, Member

MSDB Committee

Lisa Schmidt, Chair
Julia Maxwell, Member
Tim Tharp, Member

Legislative Committee

Renee Rasmussen, Chair
Ron Slinger, Member
Tim Tharp, Member

Assessment Committee

Renee Rasmussen, Chair
Hannah Nieskens, Member
Tim Tharp, Member

Accreditation Committee

Hannah Nieskens, Chair
Julia Maxwell, Member
Tim Tharp, Member

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Artificial Intelligence and Technology Committee

Hannah Nieskens, Chair
Ron Slinger, Member
Tim Tharp, Member

ADVISORY GROUP LIAISONS

Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education – Julia Maxwell
Montana School Safety Advisory Committee – McCall Flynn

OTHER COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Education and Workforce Data Governing Board – Tim Tharp
Montana Digital Academy Governing Board – Hannah Nieskens