

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

***APRIL 12, 2023***

***ZOOM***

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# AGENDA

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**April 12, 2023**  
**ZOOM**

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**Wednesday, April 12, 2023**  
**1:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

*(This time will be provided for public comment on items not listed on the agenda. This meeting is open to the public both in person and electronically. For those wishing to give virtual public comment, please contact [bpe@mt.gov](mailto:bpe@mt.gov) to request the Zoom link for the meeting. Members of the public who have joined virtually on Zoom may "raise their hand" at the appropriate time to participate after being recognized by the Board Chair. Written public comment may be submitted to the Executive Director at [bpe@mt.gov](mailto:bpe@mt.gov) and will be shared with the Board members and included as part of the official public record.)*

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.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

❖ **ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Tim Tharp (Item 1)**

**Item 1**                                    **ACTION ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF ADOPTION PERTAINING TO THE DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE OF ARM, TITLE 10, CHAPTER 55, STANDARDS OF ACCREDITATION FOR 10.55.905 (2)(c) and (2)(h), AND AUTHORIZE FILING OF THE NOTICE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE FOR PUBLICATION IN THE MONTANA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER – 30 Minutes**  
**Dr. Tim Tharp**

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❖ ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – (Item 1)

ITEM 1

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REGISTER

Dr. Tim Tharp

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the adoption of New	)	SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF
Rules I through V; the amendment of	)	ADOPTION
ARM 10.55.601, 10.55.602,	)	
10.55.603, 10.55.604, 10.55.605,	)	
10.55.606, 10.55.701, 10.55.702,	)	
10.55.703, 10.55.704, 10.55.705,	)	
10.55.706, 10.55.707, 10.55.708,	)	
10.55.709, 10.55.710, 10.55.712,	)	
10.55.714, 10.55.715, 10.55.716,	)	
10.55.717, 10.55.718, 10.55.721,	)	
10.55.801, 10.55.802, 10.55.803,	)	
10.55.804, 10.55.901, 10.55.902,	)	
10.55.904, 10.55.905, 10.55.906,	)	
10.55.907, 10.55.908, 10.55.1001,	)	
10.55.1003, 10.55.1101, 10.55.1301,	)	
10.55.1701, 10.55.1801, 10.55.1901,	)	
and 10.55.2101; the repeal of ARM	)	
10.55.711 and 10.55.1302; and the	)	
transfer of ARM 10.55.607 pertaining	)	
to Standards of Accreditation	)	

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. On October 7, 2022, the Board of Public Education [Board] published MAR Notice No. 10-55-290 pertaining to the public hearing on the proposed amendment of the above-stated rules at page 1966 of the 2022 Montana Administrative Register, Issue Number 19. On March 24, 2023, the Board published the notice of adoption at page 255 of the 2023 Montana Administrative Register, Issue Number 6.

2. The Board recently became aware from the Office of Public Instruction and school districts that incoming juniors and seniors may have their plans of study set for the remainder of their high school career, and that the new requirements of ½ unit of civics or government and ½ unit of economics or financial literacy in 10.55.905 could conflict with other coursework. In order to ensure timely and efficient planning of student schedules, the Board has taken action to delay the effective date of subsections (2)(c) and (2)(h) of rule 10.55.905 to July 1, 2025.

3. Subsections (2)(c) and (2)(h) of rule 10.55.905 are amended effective July 1, 2025. All other rules as adopted, amended, repealed, and transferred remain effective July 1, 2023.

4. The replacement pages for this supplemental notice were submitted to the Secretary of State on April 18, 2023.

/s/ McCall Flynn  
McCall Flynn  
Rule Reviewer

/s/ Madalyn Quinlan  
Madalyn Quinlan  
Chair  
Board of Public Education

Certified to the Secretary of State April 18, 2023