

# BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA

July 16-18, 2025  
Montana School Boards Association  
863 Great Northern Blvd  
Helena, MT

**Wednesday, July 16, 2025**  
**2:00PM**

## CALL TO ORDER

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

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*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

### ❖ JOINT MACIE MEETING AND TRIBAL CONSULTATION – Julia Maxwell (Items 1-4)

- Item 1                    **MACIE REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #9**  
Jordann Lankford Forster
- Item 2                    **REVIEW AND RECEIVE FEEDBACK ON YELLOW KIDNEY SETTLEMENT**  
**REQUIREMENTS – 1 Hour, page #11**  
McCall Flynn, Members
- Item 3                    **WORK SESSION ON AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND INDIAN**  
**EDUCATION FOR ALL FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS – 1 Hour, page #19**  
McCall Flynn, Members, Education Partners
- Item 4                    **EXPLORATION OF RIGOROUS ACTION AND INTENSIVE ASSISTANCE – 45**  
**Minutes, page #22**  
Dr. Julie Murgel and Lindsay Mahoney

## PUBLIC COMMENT ON JOINT MACIE MEETING ITEMS

## RECESS

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**CONSENT AGENDA – page #30**

*(Items may be pulled from Consent Agenda upon request)*

- A. May 15-16, 2025, and June 16, 2025, Meeting Minutes**
- B. Financials**

**❖ STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION – Dr. Tim Tharp (Item 5)**

- Item 5 STRATEGIC PLANNING ITEMS – 2 Hours, page #42**
- REVIEW BYLAWS**
  - REVIEW COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**
  - REVIEW 2026 MEETING CALENDAR AND AGENDA CALENDAR**
  - REVIEW OPEN MEETING LAWS**
  - REVIEW MONTANA ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT**
  - REVIEW STRATEGIC PLAN**
  - DISCUSSION ON STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON STRATEGIC PLANNING ITEMS**

**❖ REPORTS – Dr. Tim Tharp (Items 6-10)**

- Item 6 CHAIRPERSON REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #61**  
**Dr. Tim Tharp**
- Item 7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #62**  
**McCall Flynn**
- Item 8 STATE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – 1 Hour, page #63**  
**State Superintendent Susie Hedalen**
- Assessment Update**
  - Federal Update**
  - OPI Staffing Report**
  - Legislative Update**
  - Content Standards Revision Update**
- Item 9 COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #74**  
**Joe Thiel**
- OCHE/OPI Collaboration for Direct Admissions**
  - Grow Your Own Educator Progress**
  - MUS 2025 Legislative Outcomes**
  - STARS Act**
- Item 10 GOVERNOR’S OFFICE REPORT – 15 Minutes, page #75**  
**Rachel Green**

\*\*\*\*\*LUNCH BREAK\*\*\*\*\*

***\*\*Lunch will be provided for Board members\*\****

\*\*\*\*\*TIME CERTAIN AT 1:15PM\*\*\*\*\*

❖ **LICENSURE COMMITTEE – Dr. Ron Slinger (Items 11-13)**

- Item 11                    **ACTION ON INITIAL REVIEW OF BPE CASE #2025-02, GERMANY, JR – 15 Minutes, page #76**  
Brenton Craggs
- Item 12                    **NOTICE OF SURRENDER IN BPE CASE #2025-03 – 5 Minutes, page #77**  
Brenton Craggs
- Item 13                    **ACTION ON PRAXIS REGENERATED TEST REVIEW AND QUALIFYING SCORE FOR ELEMENTARY EDUCATION – 15 Minutes, page #78**  
Crystal Andrews

❖ **MSDB COMMITTEE – Lisa Schmidt (Items 14-15)**

- Item 14                    **MSDB REPORT – 30 Minutes, page #86**  
Paul Furthmyre
- ACTION ITEMS:**
- **Action on Out of State Travel Request**
  - **Action on Personnel Items**
  - **Action on Pay Increase for Plan 061**
- Item 15                    **ACTION ON MSDB FOUNDATION AGREEMENT – 15 Minutes, page #140**  
McCall Flynn

❖ **ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE – Renee Rasmussen (Items 16-17)**

- Item 16                    **ACTION ON EARLY LITERACY AND NUMERACY ADVISORY COUNCIL – 15 Minutes, page #144**  
McCall Flynn
- Item 17                    **INFORMATION ON MONTANA ALIGNED TO STANDARDS THROUGH-YEAR STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK AND NEXT STEPS – 30 Minutes, page #152**  
Cedar Rose

❖ **CHARTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE – Dr. Ron Slinger (Items 18-19)**

- Item 18                    **UPDATE ON COMMUNITY CHOICE SCHOOLS COMMISSION – 15 Minutes, page #159**  
Cathy Kincheloe
- Item 19                    **REVIEW PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL ANNUAL AND PERFORMANCE REPORTS – 30 Minutes, page #160**  
McCall Flynn

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**❖ ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE – Madalyn Quinlan (Items 20-26)**

- Item 20**                    **INDIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL REPORT – 30 Minutes, page #177**  
**Christy Mock-Stutz, Mike Jetty**
- Item 21**                    **REVIEW OF THE ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT PERTAINING TO RULEMAKING**  
**IN ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 53, ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND LITERACY**  
**CONTENT STANDARDS – 15 Minutes, page #201**  
**Marie Judisch**
- Item 22**                    **ACTION ON THE PROPOSED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND TIMELINE**  
**PERTAINTO RULEMAKING IN ARM TITLE 10, CHAPTER 53, ENGLISH**  
**LANGUAGE ARTS AND LITERACY CONTENT STANDARDS, AND AUTHORIZE**  
**FILING OF THE NOTICE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PUBLICATION IN**  
**THE MONTANA ADMINISTRATIVE REGISTER – 15 Minutes, page #222**  
**Madalyn Quinlan**
- Item 23**                    **ACTION ON THE RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT INCREASING PK-12 ATTAINMENT IN**  
**READING AND READING PROFICIENCY – 15 Minutes, page #334**  
**Madalyn Quinlan**
- Item 24**                    **INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED CORRECTIVE PLAN PROCESS FOR**  
**SCHOOLS IN DEFICIENT AND ADVICE STATUS FOR ACCREDITATION – 15**  
**Minutes, page #336**  
**Crystal Andrews**
- Item 25**                    **INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED INTENSIVE ASSISTANCE PROCESS FOR**  
**ACCREDITATION – 15 Minutes, page #341**  
**Crystal Andrews, Ellery Bresler**
- Item 26**                    **ACTION ON THE SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE**  
**ACCREDITATION PROCESS AND SCHEDULE FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR – 1**  
**Hour, page #344**  
**Dr. Julie Murgel, Crystal Andrews, Accreditation Think Tank Members**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS September 11-12, 2025 – Dillon, MT**

Election of Board Officers  
Action on Strategic Planning Items  
MACIE Update  
Montana Digital Academy Update  
Review Community Choice School Academic Performance and Financial Reports  
*Annual HiSET Report*  
*Annual Special Education Report*  
*Assessment Update*  
*Accreditation Update*  
*Federal Update*  
*Content Standards Revision Update*

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