

Proposed Business Meeting Agenda

Zoom: <https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/81928124190?pwd=fNeBuPH6iFAnRvrwHCawWqJp0AvVDa.1>
Passcode 788320

Friday, June 12, 2026

9:00 am

Call to Order Steve Zabel
[Welcome and grounding]--TBD

General Business

Attendance: Council and members of the public Krys Holmes
Call for Public Comment Kristin Burgoyne
Conflicts of Interest

Next Meetings Reminder

Governor's Arts Awards – Thursday, Dec 3 - Old Supreme Court Chambers, State Capitol
Winter 2026 Council meeting – Friday Dec 4 - Montana Heritage Center (Helena)
Spring 2027 Council meeting – Dillon/Twin Bridges (date TBD)

Approval of Proposed Agenda and Council Meeting Minutes December 5, 2025

▶ *Action proposed: Motion to approve*

Opening Shots

Council Members: What creative practices do you have Krys Holmes
(or aspire to have) to support your own well-being? 2 minutes each

9:30am Bylaws Review

▶ *Action proposed: Motion to approve*

9:45 am

Fiscal Year 2026 Year To Date Financial Report Jenifer Alger

▶ *Action proposed: Motion to approve*

Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Presentation

▶ *Action proposed: Motion to approve* Jenifer Alger

Report from the Chair

Steve Zabel

Report from the Executive Director

Krys Holmes

10:45 am Break

11:00 am Committee Reports

Executive Committee Steve Zabel

Strategic Investment Grant Committee Jay Pyette

Arts Education Committee Corky Clairmont

▶ *Action proposed: Motion to approve*

Governor's Arts Awards Committee Wylie Gustafson

▶ *Action proposed: Motion to approve*

Poet Laureate Committee Sean Chandler

Folk Arts Committee Corky Clairmont

Fundraising Task Force Steve Zabel

Marketing Committee Steve Zabel

Committee Assignments

Jay Pyette

- 11:30 am Arts in Healthcare Project Update** Krys Holmes
 ▶ Action proposed: Motion to approve
- 11:45 am Creative Aging Project Update** Monica Grable
- 12:00 pm Lunch**
- 1:00 pm Art and Tourism presentation by Avery Hughes, Central Montana Tourism**
- 1:30 pm Legislative Update** Drew Geiger
- 1:45 pm Making the Case in 2026** Kelly Barsdate + Krys Holmes
 Link to NASAA's Strategic Arts Messaging paper:
[Strategic Arts Messaging - NASAA](#)
- 3:00 pm New Business** Steve Zabel
- 4:00 pm Adjourn**
 Dinner on your Own

Dinner Suggestions

The Public House 1716 Front St
 Union Grille Restaurant 1 Grand Union Square
 Club House 1411 Main St
 Wake Cup Coffee House 1500 Front St
 The Freeze 1722 Front St

B Social Bar and Lanes 1314 Front St
 Pour House Saloon 808 14th St
 The Bistro 1714 Front St
 Casa Del Gringo 1414 Front St
 River Market (Grocery) 1518 Front St

Additional Activities to Consider

Visit the Historic Old Fort Benton Complex

The Museum of the Northern Great Plains +
 Montana Agricultural Center

The Museum of the Upper Missouri

Missouri River Breaks National Monument
 Interpretive Center

The Museums – Fort Benton Montana Museums
 and Heritage Complex

Métis Heritage Festival (June 12-13), Chateau
<https://sites.google.com/chickadeecs.org/metis/schedule>

Ulm Pishkun First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park
<https://fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/first-peoples-buffalo-jump>

Carter Ferry <https://centralmontana.com/listings/carter-ferry/>

In preparation for the meeting

- What creative practices do you have (or aspire to have) to support your own well-being?
- Read Himself Adrift by Matt Pavelich (short story from Survivors Said) or this podcast: <https://breakfastinmontana.com/episode-six-matt-pavelich-and-dirck-van-sickle/>
- Watch the 1974 Classic: Thunderbolt and Lightfoot (Netflix) and look for locations in and around Fort Benton (and Hobson).