



Chapter 55 Negotiated Rulemaking Committee

Thursday, March 17, 2022
Montana Capitol Building
1301 E 6th Ave Helena, MT 59601 Room 152
10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

- **Committee members are welcome to arrive at 9:30 a.m. to check computer or device connectivity.**
- **The Committee is scheduled to break for lunch at 12:00 p.m.**
- **The Committee will move through the agenda as needed.**

Purpose

The Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) is charged with establishing an independent negotiated rulemaking committee (Committee). The Committee will consider issues to reach consensus on the proposed amendments to Chapter 55 and consult on the preparation of an economic impact statement that reflects the most accurate needs of schools to facilitate local practice. The negotiated rulemaking process is required by §20-7-101, Montana Code Annotated (MCA).

Outcomes

- To confirm the Negotiated Rulemaking Facilitator and establish the committee membership
- To understand the Negotiated Rulemaking roles, responsibilities, process, timeline, and deliverables
- To establish the Negotiated Rulemaking consensus definition
- To interpret Montana ARM Chapter 55 accreditation standards, process, and data

Agenda

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Event Logistics
2. Facilitator Confirmation
3. Establish Committee Membership
4. Review Negotiated Rulemaking roles, responsibilities, and process
5. Negotiated Rulemaking Timeline
6. Set Committee's working norms
7. Establish Committee's consensus definition
8. Review a sample Committee Final Report, Economic Impact Survey and Statement
- Lunch (12:00-1:00pm)**
9. Accreditation 101
10. Summary and Preview for March 18th
- Public Comment (4:30 PM - 5:00 PM)**