



Chapter 55 Negotiated Rule Making Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 6, 2022
3:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Roll Call

Negotiated Rule Making Members Present

Sharyl Allen
Alex Ator
Sue Corrigan
Patty Drake
Tara Hubing
Susan Lake
Adrea Lawrence
Kitty Logan
Rhonda Long
Craig Mueller
Julie Murgel
Renee Schoening
Stephen Schreibeis
Curtis Smeby
Sue Corrigan
Joan Franke
Michelle Paine
Christina Wekkin
Chris Olszewski
Ruth Uecker

Negotiated Rule Making Members Absent

Corey Barron
Kelly Dey
Lisa Petersen

BPE Representation

McCall Flynn

Facilitator

Aislinn Brown

Executive Support

Tristen Loveridge
Maie Lee Jones

1. Welcome

The virtual Zoom meeting of the “Chapter 55 Negotiated Rule Making Committee” was called to order at 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, June 6th, 2022, by the facilitator, Aislinn Brown.

Roll Call - Absent Attendees

Kristal Zentner, Bridger Montana, Parent
Kelly Dey, Sidney Public Schools, Trustee

- Motion to defer the administrative rulemaking [10.55.601](#); [10.55.602](#); [10.55.603](#);

[10.55.604](#); [10.55.605](#); [10.55.606](#); [10.55.607](#); and [10.55.608](#) to the next meeting on Thursday.

- Motion to continue to reach consensus on the proposed recommended changes for ARM [10.55.709](#); [10.55.710](#); and [10.55.902](#).

To complete the program requirements, the committee decided to start with ARM [10.55.902](#).

2. Public Comment

Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association, Executive Director
Dana Carmichael, Whitefish School District, Retired School Librarian
Diane Fladmo, Montana Federation of Public Employees, Public Policy Director

3. Approve May 18th and May 25th meeting minutes

The minutes from the May 18th and May 25th sessions were approved and adopted by the committee.

Outcomes

- To continue to reach consensus on the proposed recommended changes for ARM [10.55.902](#): Basic Education Program: Middle Grades.

McCall Flynn, Montana Board of Public Education, Executive Director
Julie Murgel, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Chief Operating Officer
Ruth Uecker, Great Falls Public Schools, Assistant Superintendent K-6
Rhonda Long, Fergus County Superintendent of Schools

- Review working document for proposed changes to rules on the previous agenda as well as proposed changes to ARM [10.55.603](#): Curriculum and Assessment

McCall Flynn, Montana Board of Public Education, Executive Director
Ruth Uecker, Great Falls Public Schools, Assistant Superintendent K-6
Sharyl Allen, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Deputy Superintendent
Julie Murgel, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Chief Operating Officer
Michele Paine, Flathead High School, Principal
Renee' Schoening, Montana School Counselor Association, Executive Director
Chris Olszewski, Billings Public Schools, Curriculum Director
Craig Mueller, Havre Public Schools, District Superintendent
Alex Ator, Roberts Public Schools, Superintendent
Adrea Lawrence, University of Montana, Dean of College of Education
Lisa Petersen, Westby K-12 Schools, Teacher
Susan Lake, Montana Taxpayer

- *Committee members propose adding elective offerings in the proposed language in ARM 10.55.603 for consistency, as well as a proposal to add language and content (math, computer science, social studies, visual arts, media arts, performing arts, music, and dance) from ARM 10.53.101 as a cross-reference or aligned with ARM 10.55.603 and ARM 10.55.1001.*
- *Sharyl Allen moved to table ARM [10.55.603](#) for further grammatical revision.*

- *To continue to reach consensus on the proposed recommended changes for ARM [10.55.709: Library Media Services, K-12.](#)*

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 Chris Olszewski, Billings Public Schools, Curriculum Director*

- *Members of the committee expressed dissent on the impact of ratio metrics on educator preparation programs and the correlations between quality services and the content of the minimal standard that leads to student outcomes.*
- *It might be added to the economic impact study, and public schools should be given more flexibility.*
- *To continue to reach consensus on the proposed recommended changes for ARM [10.55.710: Assignment of School Counseling Staff](#)*

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- *Members of the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee expressed concerns about the budget, counseling staff reductions, and the public's impact.*
- *Ruth Uecker, a committee member, recommended two options: moving forward with the economic impact assessment for constituent review if the committee cannot achieve an agreement, and including the proposed alternative language, the Task Force's recommendations, for committee consideration.*
- *Motion to move forward on the superintendent's language, to solicit a consensus vote from all members of the negotiated rulemaking committee who were present.*

Members dissented with the Superintendent's recommendations in their current form and proposed the alternative language adjustments.

Ruth Uecker, Great Falls Public Schools, Assistant Superintendent K-6

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4. Summary and Next Steps

Announcement

The administrative rulemaking [10.55.601](#); [10.55.602](#); [10.55.603](#); [10.55.604](#); [10.55.605](#); [10.55.606](#); [10.55.607](#); and [10.55.608](#) will be review on the next virtual meeting, Thursday June 9th, 2022 at 3:0 P.M.

Upcoming meetings

Chapter 55 School Negotiated Rule Making Meeting Agenda. Thursday, June 9, 2022, from 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM.

<https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/86187602527>

5. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.