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*Chapter 55 Negotiated Rule Making Committee Meeting  
Minutes Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
8:00 AM – Noon*

*Roll Call*

***Negotiated Rule-Making Members***

Sharyl Allen  
Alex Ator  
Patti Drake  
Adrea Lawrence  
Kitty Logan  
Julie Murgel  
Renee Schoening  
Stephen Schreibeis  
Curtis Smeby  
Ruth Uecker  
Susan Lake  
Chris Olszewski  
Michele Paine  
Ruth Uecker  
Sue Corrigan  
Rhonda Long  
Lisa Petersen  
Tara Hubing

***BPE Representation***

McCall Flynn. Arrived at ~ 1:00 p.m.

***Facilitator***

Aislinn Brown

***Executive Support***

Joan Franke  
Tristen Loveridge  
Maie Lee Jones

## Welcome and Introduction

The hybrid meeting of the “Chapter 55 Negotiated Rule Making Committee” was called to order at 8:00 A.M. on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, by the facilitator, Aislinn Brown, at Capitol room 250.

## Public Comments

- Craig Mueller, Havre Public Schools, Superintendent
- Jessica Buboltz, Hellgate High School Missoula, School Counselor
- Dana Carmichael, Retired School Librarian
- Cristine Boone, Billings Public Schools, Counselor
- Diane Fladmo, Montana Federation of Public Employees, Public Policy Director

## Approve meeting minutes from June

The committee read and approved minutes from June 9th, June 16th, June 17th, June 23rd, June 28th, and June 30th.

Goal: Consensus building on proposed changes to 10.55.709, 10.55.710, finalize 10.55.602 if needed, and proposed new rules 10.55.725 and 10.55.726.

### ***10.55.725 DUTIES OF SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALISTS and 10.55.726 DUTIES OF SCHOOL COUNSELOR***

Alex Ator, Roberts Superintendent

Julie Murgel, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Chief Operating Officer

- These two rules previously were proposed to supplement 10.55.709 and 10.55.710. The committee reached a consensus to not add the proposed rules.

### ***10.55.709 LIBRARY MEDIA SERVICES, K-12***

Chris Olszewski, Billings Public Schools, Curriculum Director

Alex Ator, Roberts Public Schools, Superintendent

Renee' Schoening, Montana School Counselor, Executive Director

Julie Murgel, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Chief Operating Officer

Adrea Lawrence, University of Montana, Dean of College of Education

Curtis Smeby, Montana State University-Northern, Professor

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

Sharyl Allen, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Deputy Superintendent

Susan Lake, Montana Taxpayer

- Committee members discussed ensuring the need for services that must be provided to each student to achieve their potential; to continue providing quality education and

*services based on the needs of students; guidance on setting student performance indicators; constantly measuring student services and standards for results and obtaining a comprehensive counseling program that meets minimum standards based on the needs of the district.*

- *The committee reached a consensus on adding language in sections 1,2, and 3 to provide library media and literacy information programs and services based on student needs and in line with other administrative rules' content standards.*
- *The committee decided to add rule 10.55.709 to the economic impact survey.*

#### ***10.55.710 ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOL COUNSELING STAFF***

*Renee' Schoening, Montana School Counselor, Executive Director*

*Alex Ator, Roberts Public Schools, Superintendent*

*Julie Murgel, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Chief Operating Officer*

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

*Sharyl Allen, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Deputy Superintendent*

*Adrea Lawrence, University of Montana, Dean of College of Education*

*Curtis Smeby, Montana State University-Northern, Professor*

*Lisa Petersen, Westby K-12 Schools, Teacher*

*Susan Lake, Montana Taxpayer*

*Patti Drake, Whitehall School District, District Clerk/Business Manager*

*Stephen Schreibeis, Glendive Public Schools, Superintendent*

- *The necessity for counseling services based on students' needs and school population; national counseling standards, school counselor's license, and credential requirements; the need for staff in rural schools; the mental health crisis; school budget, and additional credentialed staff needs; the significant impact and needs of the districts; and other topics were covered by the committee members.*
- *Based on the requirement for the district to provide school counseling programming and services aligned to the National School Counselors Association in sections 1, 2, and 3, the committee proposed language changes that allow for more flexibility.*
- *The committee members did not reach consensus.*

***Consensus building on the final report and economic impact statement report are pursuant to Mont. Code Ann. § 2-5-108(5).***

*Adrea Lawrence, University of Montana, Dean of College of Education*

*Julie Murgel, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Chief Operating Officer*

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

*Renee' Schoening, Montana School Counselor, Executive Director  
Alex Ator, Roberts Public Schools, Superintendent  
Sharyl Allen, Montana Office of Public Instruction, Deputy Superintendent  
Curtis Smeby, Montana State University-Northern, Professor*

- *There was a question on the sample size results and it was addressed by the facilitator.*
- *The only other comment*
- *No changes were made to the economic impact statement.*
- *No changes were made to the final report.*
- *Members of the committee reached a consensus on all rules except for ARM 10.55.710.*
- *Members of the committee worked on supplemental report language to add to the final report pursuant to 2-5-108(5), MCA that explained the issues that remained unresolved relative to ARM 10.55.710 and will include any addendums from committee members due July 19 by Noon.*

**Review any other steps required of the NRM Committee**

- *The economic impact statement survey will be sent to the committee members for their review.*
- *The committee concurred to review minutes via email and provide their determination on the 7.15.22 minutes*
- *The committee concurred that any further consultation on the economic impact statement would be completed via email.*
- *The committee will submit any addendums by noon, on July 20, 2022.*
- *The committee will have reviewed the supplemental language to add to the final report and offered any comments by noon, on July 20, 2022.*

**Adjournment:**

*The meeting adjourned at 1:23 P.M.*

*Written public comments can be submitted to: [Ch55PublicComment@mt.gov](mailto:Ch55PublicComment@mt.gov)*