



State-Tribal Relations Committee

63rd Montana Legislature

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CASEY BARRS, Lead Staff
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Meeting of the State-Tribal Relations Committee

Room 137, State Capitol Building, Helena
Wednesday, June 26, 2013

- 9:00 Call to Order and Roll Call**
✓ Acting Chairperson, Senator Jonathan Windy Boy
- 9:00 Welcome and Introductions**
✓ Acting Chairperson, Senator Jonathan Windy Boy
- 9:15 Opening Blessing**
✓ Mr. Henry Anderson, Helena Indian Alliance
- 9:30 Election of Officers**
✓ Mr. Casey Barrs, Legislative Researcher, Legislative Services Division
✓ All committee members
Action Item: Elect chair and vice-chair
- 9:45 Overview of Responsibilities and Guidelines**
✓ Mr. Casey Barrs:
1. Staff duties
2. Committee statutory duties
3. Unique mandate of the STR committee
4. Legislative Council guidelines for interim committees
5. Attendance, compensation, and travel

- 10:15 Office of Indian Affairs Work in Indian Country**
✓ Mr. Jason Smith, Acting Director, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs
- 10:45 Break**
- 11:00 State-Tribal Economic Development**
✓ Ms. Heather Sobrepena-George, Acting Program Manager, State Tribal Economic Development Commission, and Program Manager, Indian Country Economic Development Program, Montana Department of Commerce
- 11:30 Public Comment**
- 11:45 Lunch**
- 1:00 Update on Legislative Redistricting**
✓ Ms. Rachel Weiss, Legislative Researcher, Legislative Services Division
- 1:15 Law Enforcement and Indian Country**
✓ Mr. Jim Smith, Co-Executive Director, Montana Sheriffs and Police Officers Association
- 1:45 Indian Language Preservation Pilot Program**
✓ Mr. Casey Barrs, Legislative Researcher, Legislative Services Division
✓ Senator Jonathan Windy Boy
- 2:15 The Impact of Tribal Colleges in Montana**
✓ Ms. Laura John, State-Tribal Policy Analyst, Montana Budget and Policy Center
- 2:45 Overview of Bison Issues in Montana**

- ✓ Mr. Christian Mackay, Executive Officer, MT Department of Livestock
- ✓ Mr. Mark Azure, Director, Fort Belknap Department of Fish and Wildlife

3:30 Public Comment

3:45 Interim Work Plan

- ✓ Casey Barrs: review budget, travel, calendar, targeting Work Plan topics
- ✓ All committee members:

Action Items:

1. Select Work Plan topics
2. Select reservation visits (pending tribal approval)
3. Confirm calendar

5:00 Wrap Up -- Chairperson
Confirm issues for next meeting
Instructions to staff

5:15 Adjourn

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