

Montana Geospatial Information Advisory Council

Virtual Business Meeting

January 29, 2026 | 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Online Only – [Zoom Meeting Link](#)

AGENDA

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9:00 a.m. Call to Order and Introductions

- Changes or additions to the agenda

9:05 a.m. Business Items

- Meeting Minutes
 - September 25, 2025 – Executive Summary – **Action**
 - November 14, 2025 – Executive Summary – **Action**
- MGIA Council Representative to the MAGIP Board Rep – **Action**
- MGIA Grant Program Pre-authorization of the FY2025 Grant Applicants – **Action**

9:30 a.m. Discussion Items

- [NSGIC's Geospatial Maturity Assessment](#) –Erin Fashoway
- NSGIC MidYear Meeting – Jennie & Erin Fashoway
- Big Sky GeoCon Panel Presentation – Erin Fashoway
- Governance Presentation – Deepti Kochar, Esri
- Strategic Goals Update –
 - Improve Geospatial Value - Michael Fashoway & Troy Blandford

11:00 a.m. Standing Reports

- [State Fiscal Year 2026 - Quarter 1 Financial Report](#) – Malissa Williams/Jennie Stapp
- [MGIA Collections](#) – Erin Fashoway
- GIS Coordination Report – Erin Fashoway
- MGIA Grant Program Report – Sean Anderson & Erin Fashoway
- Council Member Updates:
 - MAGIP – Eric Spangenberg & Jackson Rose, MAGIP President
 - Montana University System – Valentijn Hoff
 - Local Government – Lee Macholz & Maureen Celandier
 - Tribal – Position Vacant
 - MARLS – Joe Kaufmann
 - State – Adam Carpenter & Nick Youngstrom
 - Federal – Allen Armstrong
 - Private Business – Position Vacant
 - Council Member Group Discussion

12:15 p.m. Other Business & Announcements

Public Comment on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the Montana Geospatial Information Advisory Council

12:30 p.m. Adjourn

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Upcoming MGIA Council Meetings:

- April 23, 2026 – Business Meeting – Helena, MT
- June 18, 2026 – June 18, 2026: Business Meeting & Working Session
- September 17, 2026 – Business Meeting – Helena, MT
- November 19, 2026 – Business Meeting – Helena, MT