



Montana State Library Commission

April Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2026 | 9:00 a.m.

Zoom only

AGENDA

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

- Changes or additions to the agenda
- Staff longevity recognition
 - Mike Lighthiser – 5 years

Business items

- 9:05 a.m. • Consent agenda– **Action**
- [February 11, 2026, meeting minutes](#)
 - Public Comment
- 9:10 a.m. • [Certification Policy and Course of Study](#) – CE Subcommittee
- [CE Subcommittee meeting notes](#)
 - [Draft Continuing Education Certification Policy](#) - **Action**
 - Public Comment
 - [Draft Course of Study](#) – **Action**
 - Public Comment

Discussion items

- 9:30 a.m. • [Draft Commission Bylaws review](#) - Commissioners Cuthbertson & Goss
- 9:45 a.m. • [Procedure to review staff job descriptions](#) - Stapp



- 9:50 a.m. • Objectivity and libraries – Commissioners Cuthbertson & Goss
- 10:15 a.m. • Informational presentation on artificial intelligence applications for GIS – Matt Sheehan, geospatial and artificial intelligence specialist

Standing reports and information items

- 10:45 a.m. • State Library Reports – Stapp and staff
 - State Librarian’s report
 - [FY 26 Work Plan Dashboard](#)
 - [PDF Version](#)
 - [FY 26 3rd quarter staffing memo](#)
 - [FY 26 3rd quarter grants and contracts report](#)
 - [Continuing Education and Certification dashboard](#)
 - [PDF Version](#)
 - [Downloading dashboard instructions](#)
- Education Interim Budget Committee (EIBC) reports
 - [Quarterly Financial Report](#) (Legislative Fiscal Division)
 - [Updated Montana State Reference Network glide path](#)
 - [House Bill 864 resource sharing study report](#)
- Commission correspondence
 - [Wright complaint regarding the Flathead County Library](#)
 - [MSL Complaint response](#)
 - [Trustee Wheeler response](#)

Commission Goals and Objectives – Commission

- 11:00 a.m. • Review meeting motions and directives to staff to confirm Commission intent
 - [Annual business calendar](#)
 - [PDF Version](#)
 - Discuss format and logistics for Conversations with the Commission
 - [Review and prioritize agenda items for June business meeting](#)
 - [2026 Commission goals status](#)
- 11:10 a.m. Public Comment on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the State Library Commission.
- 11:15 a.m. Other Business & Announcements
- 11:20 a.m. Adjourn

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