

**Monday, April 13, 2026**  
**10:00am – 11:05am**

**Attendees:** Carmen Cuthbertson, Kris Goss, McKenna Greg, Tammy Hall  
**Staff:** Colet Bartow, Tracy Cook

## Agenda

- Discussion of MSL Certification Policy Draft
  - See [06 - CE Certification Policy](#)

## Meeting Recording

- [2026, April 13 - MSL Commission Certification Subcommittee Meeting](#)

## Notes

- Policy edits – group discussed minor edits to clarify the document
- MLIS degree discussion
  - Group agreed to find a compromise where the degree would count for some of the requirements rather than an all-or-nothing situation.
  - Suggestion was made to consider having the degree count for 10 of the initial certification credits. The degree would cover library competencies. Applicants would still need to take the Montana specific courses in the areas of law, financial management, board, government, and community relations, and facilities management.
  - Group discussed how the ALA accreditation process works. Kris had experience with this process when he was obtaining his degree. He has a recent MLIS degree. He said the accreditation committee emphasizes academic rigor. ALA is working on the standards and seems to recognize the changes happening nationally.
  - Group recommends 10 credits apply to both the initial and the renewal certification, and that a degree can only be used once.

## Next steps

- Tracy and Colet will update the documents and send to the committee for a final review.
- The full Commission will review the policy and updated course of study at their May 6 meeting.