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**Board Meeting Agenda, Wednesday February 18, 2026**

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**8:15 A.M.**

Call to order-

Staff attorney's comments-

Public comments-

Approval of Minutes-



## SCHEDULED REVIEWS

### Between 8:30 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.

#### **Case # 00586-2026 - SEALED**

**ISSUE:** Whether the Hearing Officer erred in determining that the claimant is not qualified to receive benefits based upon the separation from employment, i.e. discharged for misconduct, pursuant to *Montana Code Annotated* §§ 39-51-201(19) and 39-51-2303.

### Between 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

#### **Case # 00651-2026 - SEALED**

**ISSUE:** Whether the Hearing Officer erred in determining that the claimant did not demonstrate shown good cause to backdate the claim as provided in *Montana Code Annotated* § 39-51-2104(1)(a) and Administrative Rules Montana 24.40.803.

#### **Case # 00478-2026**

**ISSUE 1:** Whether the Appellant showed good cause to extend the 10-day appeal deadline pursuant to *Montana Code Annotated* § 39-51-2403 and Administrative Rules Montana 24.40.101(14). (38 days late to UIAB).

### Between 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

#### **Case # 00648-2026**

**ISSUE:** Whether the Hearing Officer erred in determining that the claimant is not qualified to receive benefits based upon the separation from employment, i.e. discharged for misconduct, pursuant to *Montana Code Annotated* §§ 39-51-201(19) and 39-51-2303.

#### **Case # 00513-2026**

**ISSUE:** Whether the Hearing Officer erred in determining that the claimant is not qualified to receive unemployment insurance benefits based upon the separation from employment, i.e. leaving work without good cause attributable to the claimant's employment, pursuant to *Montana Code Annotated* § 39-51-2302 and Administrative Rules Montana 24.40.615.



**Case # 00660-2026 - SEALED**

**ISSUE:** Whether the Hearing Officer erred in determining that the Appellant untimely appealed and did not show good cause to extend the 10-day filing deadline pursuant to *Montana Code Annotated* 39-51-2402(3) and Administrative Rules Montana 24.40.101(14) and 24.40.201(2).

**Between 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.**

**Case # 00527-2026**

**ISSUE:** Whether the Hearing Officer erred in determining that the claimant is not qualified to receive benefits based upon the separation from employment, i.e. discharged for misconduct, pursuant to *Montana Code Annotated* §§ 39-51-201(19) and 39-51-2303.

**Case # 00630-2026 - SEALED**

**ISSUE:** Whether the Hearing Officer erred in denying the Appellant's Dec. 11, 2025 request to reopen the appeal of Case No. 486-2026 pursuant to Administrative Rules Montana 24.40.207 and 24.40.101(14).

**Case # 00653-2026**

**ISSUE:** Whether the Hearing Officer erred in determining that the claimant is not qualified to receive unemployment insurance benefits based upon the separation from employment, i.e. leaving work without good cause attributable to the claimant's employment, pursuant to *Montana Code Annotated* § 39-51-2302 and Administrative Rules Montana 24.40.615.