REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
AUGUST 17, 2026 AT 9:00 A.M.
STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 303
HELENA, MT

Members Present
Greg Gianforte, Governor
Susie Hedalen, Superintendent of Public Instruction
Austin Knudsen, Attorney General
James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance
Brenda Johnson, Land Board Secretary
Sonia Gavin, Land Board Secretary

Members Absent
Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State

Testifying Staff
Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

Attachments
Related Materials, Attachment 1 – Sign-in-Sheet

Call to Order
00:00:00 Governor Gianforte called the meeting to order.

Adopt Proposed Agenda
00:00:57 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General, moved to approve the July agenda. The motion was seconded by Susie Hedalen, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and carried unanimously.

Adopt Prior Months Meeting Minutes
00:01:13 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General, moved to approve the July minutes. The motion was seconded by James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, and carried unanimously.

Business Considered

0826-1 Department of Military Affairs: Sale of Culbertson Readiness Center and Vehicle Maintenance Shop
00:01:29 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: N/A

00:02:22 Susie Hedalen, Superintendent of Public Instruction, moved to approve item 0826-1. The motion was seconded by James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance.

Board Discussion/Comments:
00:02:26 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General
00:02:57 Greg Gianforte, Governor
00:03:21 The motion to approve item 8026-1 carried unanimously.

0826-2 Timber Sales
00:03:30 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the items.

Public Comment: N/A

00:06:09 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General, moved to approve item 0826-2. The motion was seconded by Susie Hedalen, Superintendent of Public Instruction.
00:06:21 Greg Gianforte, Governor

00:06:51 The motion to approve item 0826-2 carried unanimously.

0826-3 Easements
00:06:54 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: N/A

00:07:43 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General, moved to approve item 0826-3. The motion was seconded by Susie Hedalen, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and carried unanimously.

0826-4 Settlement Agreement State of Montana v. Talen Montana, LLC (Executive Session)
00:08:03 Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director, gave an overview of the item.

Public Comment: N/A

The Land Board assembled into executive session at 9:09 A.M. pursuant to MCA 2-3-203(4), to discuss litigation strategy. The public portion of the meeting resumed at 9:23 A.M.

00:22:25 James Brown, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance moved to approve 0826-4. The motion was seconded by Susie Hedalen, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and carried unanimously.

General Public Comment:
00:23:00 Colter Devries, Public Citizen

Adjournment
00:27:55 Adjournment

PRESIDENT	ATTEST
/s/ Greg Gianforte Date 09/20/2026	/s/ Amanda Kaster Date 09/20/2026
Greg Gianforte, Governor	Amanda Kaster, DNRC Director

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