



Negotiated Rulemaking Committee

Minutes for Session #1

May 19, 2026

3:30 pm

Members in attendance

Kristen Ketola
Kristie Matule
Brittani Brence
Dixie Seleg
Paul Furthmyre
Rickielynn Hughes
Krystal Zentner
Kathy Gilboy
Patrick Cates
Julie Murgel
McCall Flynn

Members absent

Mary DiBiase

Facilitator

Aislinn Brown

OPI Support

Christy Mock-Stutz

1. Welcome, Introductions, Attendance

The Chapter 55 negotiated rulemaking committee called to order at 3:30 p.m.
Committee members input their names into the chat.

2. Facilitator confirmation

- Motion to accept Aislinn Brown as facilitator
- Aislinn Brown – confirmed, no dissent

3. Committee confirmation

The committee confirmed their membership, no dissent.

4. Practice consensus

The committee practiced making a definition of consensus following the consensus protocol, and reviewed the working document for upcoming committee work.

5. Review Negotiated Rulemaking roles, responsibilities, and process

- The committee reviewed background information on the accreditation standards for purposes of understanding the placement of the proposed administrative rule changes in ARM 10.55.725 and updated definitions for ARM 10.55.602.

6. Public comment

- No meeting attendees outside of committee
- No public comment received via email

7. Consensus building on proposed standards for ARM 10.55.805

- The committee began the rulemaking process for ARM 10.55.805. Consensus is based on committee agreement, and dissent requires a workable proposal.
- The committee reached consensus on striking ARM 10.55.805(4) from the rule, leaving ARM 10.55.805 (1 -3) the same.

8. Consensus building on proposed standards for ARM 10.55.725

- The committee began the rulemaking process for the proposed ARM 10.55.725. The committee paused after reaching consensus on proposed ARM 10.55.725 (1) and 10.55.725 (2).
- The committee will continue to work on proposed ARM 10.55.725 (3) during session #2 on June 2, 2026.

9. Public Comment

- No meeting attendees outside of committee
- No public comment received via email

10. Next Steps

- The committee will meet on June 2, 2026 at 3:30 pm
- Information on the economic impact
- The committee will continue the negotiated rulemaking process for proposed ARM 10.55.725 (3) and proposed definitions for ARM 10.55.602

Public comment can be made at each rulemaking session or by emailing christy.mock-stutz@mt.gov by 8:30 the morning of rulemaking sessions.