

**Montana Heritage Commission**  
**Draft Meeting Minutes**  
**March 6, 2026**  
**314 Idaho Street, Virginia City, MT or Via Zoom**

**Roll Call of Board Members:**

Al Jones - Absent	Timothy Lehman - Present
Tyler Goss - Absent	Molly Kruckenberg - Present
Ron Buck - Present	Renee Lemon (Proxy for Christy Clark) – Present
Patricia Spencer - Absent	Beverly Marshall – Present
Christopher Budeski – Present	Susan Hardman – Present
Brooke Erb – Present	Mark Brook – Present
Mandy Rambo (Proxy for Marta Bertoglio and Carolyn Quan) – Present	

**Montana Department of Commerce Staff Present:**

April Armstrong, Acting Program Executive Director	Jada Maynor, Paralegal
Brenda Elias, DOC Chief Legal	Tanya Engle, Visitor Experience Coordinator – MHC
Patrick Quinn, DOC Legal Counsel	Joseph Stasko

**Public Present:**

Justin Gatewood	Melissa Rowberry
Becky DiGiovanna	Allison Weaver
Abi Lee	Patricia Pedula-Boles – Star Bakery
Melissa Rowberry	Maria Pochervina
Amy Kelly	Sean Bogue
Tommy Luksha	Allyson Adams
Mati Bishop	Another 20+ people in person
Approximately 60+ people streaming via zoom	

**Call Meeting to Order and Notice of Audio/Visual Recording/Roll Call**

1:00 Presenter: Chris Budeski and Brenda Elias

**Approval of Minutes from December Meeting**

05:32 Motion: Mandy Rambo – Approval of December Meeting Minutes

Second: Beverly Marshall

Public comment before Vote: Justin Gatewood

Motion passed

**Executive Director Report**

07:53 Presenter: Joseph Stasko

**Department of Commerce Updates**

12:36 Presenter: Ms. Rambo

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**Long Term Lease Updated Guidelines and Application**

40:32 Presenter: Mr. Stasko

Motion: Mandy Rambo – To not take action on long-term lease program and instead direct the Exec. Director to propose formation of a working committee and recommend committee composition and timeline for the Committee work.

Second: Beverly Marshall

43:48 Public comment before Vote: Patricia Boles, Becky DiGiovanna, Allison Weaver and Melissa Rowberry

Collaboration from Commission Members prior to vote

Motion passed

**Discuss Future Meeting Date for the Month of September**

59:04 Presenter: Ms. Rambo

Motion: Mandy Rambo – Change September meeting date to the second Friday in September instead of the first Friday, 9/11 instead of 9/4

Second: Ron Buck

All in favor. Motion passed. No public comment to change September date.

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

1:01:03 Public Comment made by: Becky DiGiovanna, Justin Gatewood, Maria Pochervina, Matti Bishop, Allison Weaver, Amy Kelly, Sean Bogue, Melissa Rowberry, Tommy Luksha, Allyson Adams, Abi Lee and Joy Kinyon

**Adjournment of Open Meeting**

1:30:35 Meeting adjourned @10:30am

Next Meeting Date: June 5, 2026 in Virginia City with a hybrid option

Montana Heritage Commission  
Record of Motion and Vote

Date: 3/6/2026

Meeting location: Meeting Hall, Virginia City and Hybrid

Text of Motion: Apprvl. Of December Meetings Mins

Motion made by: Mandy Rambo

Seconded by: Beverly Marshall

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Ron Buck	X		
Patricia Spencer	Absent		
Mandy Rambo for Dir. Bertoglio	X		
Molly Kruckenberg	X		
Mandy on behalf of Carolyn Quan	X		
Susan Hardman	X		
Beverly Marshall	X		
Renee Lemon on behalf of Dir. Clark	X		
Dr. Timothy Lehman, MHC vice chair	X		
Tyler Goss	Absent		
Brooke Erb	X		
Mark Brook	X		
Al Jones	Absent		
Christopher Budeski, MHC chair	X		
Vote Total	11		

Circle One:  
Motion

(Passes)

Fails

Motion and vote recorded by: Brenda Elias

Montana Heritage Commission  
Record of Motion and Vote

Date: 3/6/2026

Meeting location: Meeting Hall, Virginia City and Hybrid

Text of Motion: Motion to not take action today on the long – term lease program and instead direct the executive director to propose formation of a working committee and recommend committee composition and timeline for the committee’s work.

Motion made by: Mandy Rambo

Seconded by: Beverly Marshall

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Ron Buck	X		
Patricia Spencer	Absent		
Mandy Rambo for Dir. Bertoglio	X		
Molly Kruckenberg	X		
Mandy Rambo on behalf of Carolyn Quan	X		
Susan Hardman	X		
Beverly Marshall	X		
Renee Lemon on behalf of Dir. Clark	X		
Dr. Timothy Lehman, MHC vice chair	X		
Tyler Goss	Absent		
Brooke Erb	X		
Mark Brook	X		
Al Jones	Absent		
Christopher Budeski, MHC chair	X		
Vote Total			

Circle One:  
Motion



Fails

Motion and vote recorded by: Brenda Elias

Montana Heritage Commission  
Record of Motion and Vote

Date: 3/6/2026

Meeting location: Meeting Hall, Virginia City and Hybrid

Text of Motion: Move Sept. Meeting to Second Friday of month (Sept. 11)

Motion made by: Mandy Rambo

Seconded by: Ron Buck

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Ron Buck	X		
Patricia Spencer	Absent		
Mandy Rambo for Dir. Bertoglio	X		
Molly Kruckenberg	X		
Mandy Rambo on behalf of Carolyn Quan	X		
Susan Hardman	X		
Beverly Marshall	X		
Renee Lemon on behalf of Dir. Clark	X		
Dr. Timothy Lehman, MHC vice chair	X		
Tyler Goss	Absent		
Brooke Erb	X		
Mark Brook	X		
Al Jones	Absent		
Christopher Budeski, MHC chair	X		
Vote Total	11		

Circle One:  
Motion

Passes

Fails

Motion and vote recorded by: Brenda Elias