

AGENDA ITEM: MHSOAC Meeting Schedule for 2009

ENCLOSURES: • None

OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO ITEM:

Issue

In July 2008, the MHSOAC adopted the following meeting structure:

Adopt the revised MHSOAC meeting structure to commence in January 2009:

- MHSOAC committee meetings may occur on Thursday mornings prior to the full MHSOAC meeting
- Full MHSOAC meetings begin on Thursday afternoons and continue until 5:00 pm
- MHSOAC reconvenes on Friday until 5:00 pm
- In the event of one-day meetings, MHSOAC meetings will take place on Fridays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and the Thursday before will be available for Committee meetings.
- Re-examine the effectiveness of this meeting structure in six months.

The MHSOAC currently meets one Friday each month except for December, reflecting the fourth bullet, listed above. Many commissioners have expressed concern over this schedule.

The following four options for monthly meetings are included below for commissioners to consider for adoption.

Option 1: All meetings take place on Fridays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. No December meeting.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 24, 2009 • May 29, 2009 • June 26, 2009 • July 24, 2009 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 28, 2009 • September 25, 2009 • October 23, 2009 • November 20, 2009
<p>Pros:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative appointees able to attend • One-day meeting less onerous on commissioners' schedules • Committee meetings can occur on Thursday before full meeting 	<p>Cons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficult to maintain quorum at end of day • Hard to accomplish all work in one day

Option 2: All meetings take place on Thursdays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. No December meeting.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 23, 2009 • May 28, 2009 • June 25, 2009 • July 23, 2009 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 27, 2009 • September 24, 2009 • October 22, 2009 • November 19, 2009
<p>Pros:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-day meeting less onerous on commissioners' schedules • Thursday meeting does not impinge on commissioners' weekend activities • Committee meetings could occur either on the Wednesday or Friday contiguous to the meeting 	<p>Cons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative appointees only able to attend in afternoon • Difficult to maintain quorum at end of day • Hard to accomplish all work in one day

Option 3: One-day meetings during Legislative Session on Fridays; during recess (July) and between sessions (September, October, November) one-day meetings on Thursdays. No December meeting.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 24, 2009 (Friday) • May 29, 2009 (Friday) • June 26, 2009 (Friday) • July 23, 2009 (Thursday) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 27, 2009 (Friday) • September 24, 2009 (Thursday) • October 22, 2009 (Thursday) • November 19, 2009 (Thursday)
<p>Pros:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows legislative appointees to participate • Thursday meeting does not impinge on commissioners' weekend activities • Committee meetings could occur either on the Wednesday or Friday contiguous to the meeting 	<p>Cons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficult to maintain quorum at end of day • Hard to accomplish all work in one day

Option 4: Meet 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Thursday; meet 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on Friday. No December meeting.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 24, 2009 N/A • May 28 & 29, 2009 • June 25 & 26, 2009 • July 23 & 24, 2009 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 26 & 27, 2009 • September 24 and 25, 2009 • October 22 & 23, 2009 • November 19 & 20, 2009
<p>Pros:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows legislative appointees to participate • More time to fully address agenda items • Noon adjournment facilitates return travel on Friday afternoon • Committee meetings could take place Thursday morning 	<p>Cons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficult to dedicate two days per month which could affect quorum on either day

INFORMATION

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ACTION REQUIRED

DATE OF MEETING: 4/24/09

PREPARED BY: Whitcomb

DATE MATERIAL PREPARED: 4/8/09

Proposed Motion:

The Commission adopts the following meeting structure for the remainder of 2009

Option 1

Option 2

Option 3

Option 4

Other