



**BOARD OF PERSONNEL APPEALS MEETING LOG
of the
MONTANA BOARD OF PERSONNEL APPEALS
VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING
9:01 a.m. to Conclusion
May 6, 2026**

1. Call to Order – Establish Quorum (00:00:02)

**MEMBERS
PRESENT**

**Kerry Davant, Presiding Officer
Jenny Stringer, Management Member
Jim Wonnacott, Labor Member**

**MEMBERS
ABSENT**

STAFF

**Jennifer Stallkamp, Board Counsel
Lisa Patzer, Legal Secretary**

2. Review Minutes from January 27, 2026 (00:01:08)

3. Public Opportunity to Comment (00:02:09)

4. Case Presentation, Board Discussion (00:02:57)

**Sara Smathers vs Montana Federation of Public Employees vs
Department of Corrections, Case Nos. 2026DRS000138 and
2026DRS00139**

a. Board Discussion

(00:49:44) Presiding Officer Davant called for discussion and observations by the Board.

b. Board motion

(00:54:16) Board Member Stringer made a motion to uphold the Board Agent's decision. The motion was seconded by Member Wonnacott. Vote: 3-0. The motion passed.

5. Adjourn (00:57:08)