



# BLOCKCHAIN AND DIGITAL INNOVATION TASK FORCE

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## MEETING AGENDA

**April 23, 2026 – 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM MST**

**Location: State Capitol, Room 455 & Zoom**

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TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER
9:30 AM	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Notice of audio/video recording.</li><li>• Roll Call</li><li>• Approval of minutes of 12/15/25 &amp; 02/11/26 meetings.</li></ul>	Cochairs
9:45 AM	<b>PRESENTATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• State and National Legislative Updates</li><li>• Task Force Questions and Discussion</li></ul>	Eric Peterson, Kraken
10:30 AM	<b>PRESENTATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Crypto Fair Value – Understanding the Value of Layer-1 Coins</li><li>• Task Force Questions and Discussion</li></ul>	John Gotts, Founder & CEO of the Digital Gold Foundation
12:00 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>	
1:00 PM	<b>PRESENTATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How some Montana Laws are Impacted by the Digital Economy</li><li>• Task Force Questions and Discussion</li></ul>	Melanie Hall
2:00 PM	<b>WORK SESSION</b>	Cochairs
3:00 PM	<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	Cochairs
4:00 PM	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Cochairs

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