

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW
STUDY COMMISSION TIMETABLE**

Study Commission of City of Columbus

Timetable For Study Commission Deliberations and Actions

This timetable for the deliberations and actions of the City of Columbus Study Commission is established as required by 7-3-186, MCA for the purpose of assuring full public information concerning the Local Government Review process in our city and enabling informed citizen participation.

All meetings of the Study Commission are open to the public.

Date	Action
Tuesday, November 26, 2024 4pm	First Study Commission organizational meeting, Town Hall
December 5,10,11,12, 2024	Montana State University Local Government Center regional Study Commission Trainings
Wednesday, January 22, 2025	Regular monthly Study Commission meeting, Town Hall. And thereafter the fourth Wednesday in each succeeding month through May 5, 2025, at 4:00 pm
Thursday, January 23, 2025	Timetable established and published within 90 days of organizational meeting
Beginning of April 2025	First Public Hearing—to gather citizen input on the form, functions, powers, and problems of city government and the adequacy of city services Consider scheduling all public hearings and community engagement workshops on Tuesday or Thursday evenings. Middle of the week times tend to be easier for folks to attend than beginning or end of the week times.
Mid-April 2025	Adopt a Tentative Report
Beginning of May 2025	Second Public Hearing—to gather citizen response to Tentative Report
Wednesday, May 28, 2025	Adopt the Final Report Provide the County Clerk and Recorder a ballot certificate if a proposal is to be placed on the November 4, 2025, ballot
Mid-June 2025	If the final report proposes an alteration of local government, prepare public education materials to help citizens understand the proposal and compare the proposal with existing governmental form, structures, and powers
Mid – June 2025	Approve public education materials and conduct public forum
Wednesday, November 5, 2025	If the voters approve a proposed alteration of the government, initiate transition planning
Monday, February 2, 2026	Study Commission term of office ends Adopt transition advisory plan Deposit all minutes and other Study Commission documents with the county clerk and recorder Submit a copy of the final report and any proposed changes to the MSU Local Government Center

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