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Eastern Oregon Jobs Council (EOJC)
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 23, 2025, 10 AM (PT)

X	Patty Dorroh, Harney County - Chair		Jim Mendiola, Malheur County
X	Jake Seavert, Union County - Vice Chair	x	Jeff Wenholtz, Morrow County
	Michelle Kaseberg, Baker County		Dan Dorrان, Umatilla County
	Mitch Wilson, Grant County		Lisa Collier, Wallowa County

☒ **Quorum (>4 members)**

Online voting record:

Completion time	Email	Name	Agenda Approval	2026-2027 Program year budget approval (see attached)	Approve a new EOWB Board of Directors Member: Alana Carollo	2024-2028 Local Plan Modification Approval	Approval of the attached meeting minutes for the June 23, 2026 meeting
6/23/26 6:14:55		jseavert@union-county.org	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve
6/23/26 17:31:26	patty.dorroh@harneycountyor.gov	Patty Dorroh	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve
6/26/26 8:38:44		Wilsonm@grantcounty-or.gov	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve
6/30/26		jwenholtz@morrowcountyor.gov	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve

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7/1/26 13:13: 26	dan.dorran @umatilla county.gov	Approve	Abstain	Approve	Abstain	Abstain
7/7/26 15:24: 51	clathrop@ wallowaco unty.gov	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve	Approve

Attendees Noted

- Patty Dorroh
- Jake Seavert
- Jeff Wenholtz
- Cody Lathrop- Stand in and succession for Lisa Collier

EOWB Staff:

- Leif Ryman
- Farideh Alvijeh

1. Call to Order

- Chair Patty Dorroh called the meeting to order.
- Four of the eight counties were represented.
- A quorum was not present.
- The Council agreed that meeting materials, minutes, and voting items would be distributed by email for formal action.

2. Public Comment

- No public comment was received.

3. Approval of Agenda

- No additions or changes were requested.
- Formal approval was deferred to email voting due to lack of quorum.

4. 2026–2027 Program Year Budget

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- Leif Ryman and Farideh Alvijeh reviewed the proposed budget.
- EOWB received an approximately 18.5% increase in WIOA funding for the coming program year.
- The increased WIOA funding is reflected in the amount allocated to TEC as the Title I service provider.
- Operating expenses remain generally consistent with the prior year.
- Planned activities include smaller regional employer events, expungement clinics, employer training, internships, and other special projects.
- Members requested that future budget documents include a prior-year comparison column.
- Formal budget approval was deferred to email voting.

5. New EOWB Board Member: Alana Carollo

- Leif recommended Alana Carollo, Director of Visit Eastern Oregon, for appointment to the EOWB Board.
- Alana would represent the business and tourism sectors.
- Patty noted that, following Council approval, she would issue the formal appointment.
- Formal approval was deferred to email voting.
- Members were also asked to help identify:
 - A Wallowa County business representative.
 - A member connected to youth-serving organizations.

6. CLEO Succession Planning

- Patty reviewed the Eastern Oregon Jobs Council's structure and officer requirements.
- Each county appoints one Council member and an alternate.
- Patty plans to leave elected office on December 31, 2026.
- The Council discussed holding its annual meeting in late September or early October to elect a new chair and address succession planning.
- General agreement was expressed with this approach.

7. 2024–2028 Local Plan Modification

- Leif reviewed the proposed Local Plan modification.
- Changes were made in response to updated state scorecard and planning requirements.
- The modification describes current regional strategies, tools, and approaches while retaining operational flexibility.
- Following Council approval, the draft will be posted for public comment.
- Formal approval was deferred to email voting.

8. Executive Director Updates

- Program-year closeout and spending are on track.
- EOWB is finalizing a tighter TEC contract with clearer performance measures and expectations.
- Priority projects for the coming year include:
 - Expungement clinics.
 - Regional and year-round internship expansion.
 - Continued reentry services in Eastern Oregon correctional facilities.
- EOWB is developing onboarding materials for new Council and Board members.
- Staff will focus on strong core operations during a year in which several temporary grants have ended.

9. Council Discussion

- Patty asked about TEC performance and alignment with EOWB expectations.
- Staff reported that TEC spending is on track and that the new contract will establish clearer metrics and accountability.
- Members discussed high-school engagement, youth services, internships, apprenticeships, and skilled trades.
- Jake shared work underway to expand electrical apprenticeship opportunities and participation ratios in Oregon.
- EOWB may provide future support for apprenticeship-related legislative efforts.
- Leif agreed to research workforce-system models used in other states and report back at a future meeting.

10. Adjournment

- With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Follow-Up Actions

- Distribute email voting for:
 - June 23 agenda approval.
 - 2026–2027 budget approval.
 - Appointment of Alana Carollo.
 - 2024–2028 Local Plan modification approval.
- Provide a prior-year budget comparison.
- Schedule the annual EOJC meeting for late September or early October.
- Continue recruitment for Wallowa County business and youth-serving Board representation.
- Research workforce governance and funding models used by other states.