



Oregon State Fair Council Special Meeting Notice & Agenda Wednesday, September 3rd, 2025, at 1:30 P.M.

State Fair & Expo Center
2330 17th Street NE Salem, OR 97301

The meeting will be conducted solely through Zoom.

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/88335163521>
Meeting ID # 883 3516 3521 Passcode# 222907

Council Members

Loyal Burns, Chair

Joel Conder, Vice Chair

Shane Matthews

Soraida Cross

Geoff Hinds

Tami Kerr

Lucy Smith

Travis Smith

Arnie Roblan

Advisory Members

Representative Paul Evans

Our Mission

The Mission of the Oregon State Fair & Exposition Center is to provide a reason and a place for all people to gather, connect, and Learn, embrace excellence in all forms, and celebrate the achievements of Oregonians.

Our Vision

We envision a relevant Oregon State Fair & Exposition Center that embodies good stewardship of the public's trust and serves as a self-sustaining asset for Oregonians to treasure long into the future.

Public Comments

The Oregon State Fair Council values the input of citizens in making important decisions that affect the Oregon State Fair and Exposition Center. The Oregon State Fair Council also believes in the right for interested parties to observe Oregon State Fair Council meetings. Working to ensure the general public has the opportunity to attend Council meetings and offer public comment, to ensure that the Council can conduct its business, the following guidelines apply to all public comment.

- The Council will have two sign-up sheets at a table in the meeting room 15 minutes before the scheduled meeting for those wishing to speak on agenda items or non-agenda subjects. Individuals may sign up in person, or in advance or on our website, <https://oregonstatefaircouncil.org/meetings-1>, in advance of the meeting via email. Email requests should include the date the requester wishes to speak, the requester's name, phone number, and the agenda item or topic of their comments.
- Public comment on agenda items before the Council: individuals on the list will be called to testify before actions on these items are taken. On the sign-up sheet, list your name, address, and the agenda item upon which you wish to be heard.
- Public Comment on Non-Agenda items during Oregon State Fair Council Meetings: list your name, address, and the subject matter upon which you wish to be heard.
- You will have 3 minutes to testify.
- When you are called to come forward to speak, state and spell your name for the recorded record of the meeting.
- Council members may ask questions to clarify your testimony but will not engage in a discussion with you. Public Comment allows the Council and CEO to hear issues that interest our citizens but does not allow an opportunity for dialogue between the speaker, Council, or Administrators.
- If the Council determines that follow-up is necessary, you may be referred to the CEO or an item may be placed on a future Council agenda.
- If you wish to submit written testimony before or at the meeting, please provide 15 copies.
- The public may not use videos or PowerPoint presentations to accompany their testimony without prior approval by the Council Chair.
- Speakers are expected to address the Council without yelling, name calling, using abusive or foul language or other behavior or speech that negatively impact the efficiency of the Council meeting.



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Agenda

1:30 pm – Public Session

- **Call to Order**
- **Roll Call**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Executive Session** The Oregon State Fair Council will now meet in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660[2] [h] which allows the Council to meet in executive session to receive legal counsel regarding current litigation. Representatives of the news media and designated staff shall be allowed to attend the executive session as long as they are not a party to the litigation. All other members of the audience are asked to leave the room or will be placed in the Zoom waiting room during the Executive Session. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on or otherwise disclose any of the deliberations or anything said about these subjects during the executive session, except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced. No decision may be made in executive session. At the end of the executive session, we will return to open session and welcome the audience back into the room or Zoom room once the Executive Session has concluded.
- **Public Comments:**
- **Adjourn**



Minutes of the Oregon State Fair Council Special Meeting Meeting

September 3rd , 2025

Zoom

Audio Recorded: Yes

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- **Call to Order:** The meeting Convened at 1:31 PM with Chair Burns presiding.
 - **Roll Call:** The attendance, was recorded as shown below:

Present:

Loyal Burns, Chair
Joel Conder, Vice Chair
Soraida Cross, Council Member
Geoff Hinds, Council Member
Shane Matthews, Council Member
Tami Kerr, Council Member
Lucy Escobar, Council Member
Travis Smith, Council Member
Arnie Roblan, Council Member

Kim Grewe-Powell, Director/CEO

Non-Present:

Other-Present:

Jean Wheat-Palm, CFO/Director of Human Recourse
Maddie Kansky, Administrative Assistant
Christy Monson, Council to the Oregon State Fair Council
Tracy White, Senior Assistant Attorney General at Oregon Department of Justice
Rachel Alexander, Salem Reporter

- **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was made by all parties present.
 - The Oregon State Fair Council will now meet in executive session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(i) 1. The Council met in Executive Session to discuss litigation that has been filed against the organization pertaining to Public Meeting Law, as well as potential litigation that may be filed in the future. 2. To discuss wither to delegate authority to Kim Grewe-Powell, Director/CEO, to work with legal counsel and representatives of the opposing party to seek a mutually acceptable resolution. Representatives of the news media and designated staff shall be allowed to attend the executive session. All other members of the audience will be placed in a Zoom waiting room. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on or otherwise disclose any of the deliberations or anything said about these subjects during the executive session, except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced. No decision may be made in executive session. The meeting convened at 2:22 pm.

- Meeting reconvened to regular session at 2:23 pm. Vice Chair Conder proposed delegating authority to Director/CEO the authority to work with attorneys to negotiate on current litigation.
 - **Arnie Roblan made a friendly amendment to allow for the Director/CEO to negotiate on current litigation and any future litigation, and Soraida Cross seconded the motion. Chair Burns repeated the motion of delegating the authority for the Director/CEO to work with attorneys to negotiate a resolution to current litigation and any future litigations. Motion passed unanimously.**

- **Adjourn:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.