

CPAB History

Legislative Action

The Oregon Legislature formed the Capital Projects Advisory Board (CPAB) in 1997, pursuant to ORS 276.227 and ORS 276.229. This was done in response to both legislative and executive concerns about the minimal review and approval of capital projects. The Director shall establish the Board, consisting of seven members. Five shall be public members knowledgeable about construction, facilities management and maintenance issues. Two members may be state employees. The Director of the Department of Administrative Services appoints the chairperson of the Board.

The 2005 Legislature passed SB 90 which abolished the Capitol Planning Commission and transferred some of the functions to the Capital Projects Advisory Board. (In 2009 SB 671 restored the Capitol Planning Commission (CPC) and function of reviewing Salem Area Plans and agency construction plans were reassigned to the CPC.) In keeping with its role as a public body, the Capital Projects Advisory Board conducts its business under the public meetings statutes contained in ORS 192.610 to 192.690. The department of Administrative Services is further directed to make available on the Department Web site, in a manner designed to facilitate public access, information regarding the Capital Projects Advisory Board, its membership, meeting schedule and agendas, and any minutes, findings, recommendations or reports issued by the Board.

Administrative Rule Definition

Oregon Administrative Rule 125-125-0050 defines the process, responsibilities, and authority of the Capital Projects Advisory Board and the specific functions of the CPC that were incorporated into the CPAB process.

Roles

1. To give capital projects special scrutiny without involving those having a direct stake in the outcome. The scrutiny does not involve architectural and engineering critique, but rather a review of the agency's approach to the overall processes involved in facility management and proposed capital projects advanced in the budget approval process.
2. To encourage and review long-range plans, funding strategies, condition of facilities, maintenance schedules and options in lieu of new facilities. CPAB also supports the review processes of DAS-Budget Management and the Legislative Fiscal Office. The Board focuses on the processes in which an agency used to prepare its Facilities Plan. To help formulate an overall look at statewide facility and maintenance planning.

3. To observe that the necessary data gathering is a continuing process as data bases are constructed including inventory, status of building maintenance and facility utilization.

Goals

To evaluate the data collected from the Facilities Planning Process Reviews from a statewide perspective. This enables the Board to report and make recommendations to the Director of DAS as to the condition of the state's physical plant and budget strategies which may control deterioration or lead to enhanced utilization and property management