

Public Lands Advisory Committee



Meeting Date: April 23, 2026

Time: 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Location: Virtual By Microsoft Teams

Committee Members Present: John Brown, Chair
Brady Ricks, EAM Real Estate Services Manager
Tracy Wilder, DOC Facilities Administrator
Joel Madsen, Land Use Planner
Thuy Tran, State Representative

Committee Members Absent: Mark Meek, State Senator

Staff: Robert Underwood, DAS

Presenters: Gary Williamson, OMD

Committee Administration

Chair John Brown called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

Call for public comment – none.

Approval of minutes from January 2026 meeting – approved.

Property Acquisitions & Dispositions

1. Oregon Military Department / Talent property – Acquisition
Presented by Gary Williamson, OMD (This item was presented second in the meeting)

Oregon Military Department has been looking to increase the capacity of their current undersized Field Maintenance Shop and has been considering this property for a while. The property is a vacant factory with a layout that suited the department, saving 10 to 12 years and \$30+ million over new construction. OMD was planning to fund this transaction through the sale of another property but recently received approval from the legislature to bond for this purchase.

The department has been leasing the property, with lease payments going towards the agreed purchase price. The plan is to close in June.

Discussion included:

- Appraised value is reasonable, and the overall saving is a great outcome.

PLAC recommendation: Report accepted with a recommendation this transaction move forward as presented.

2. Oregon Department of Administrative Services / PLAC rulemaking changes
Presented by Robert Underwood, DAS (This item was presented first in the meeting)

The Department of Administrative Services is updating existing rules for land transactions, which includes the rules for the PLAC. The Committee has rulemaking authority, so DAS has drafted rules for consideration. The rules mostly clean up duplication between statute and rule, and align rule with the way the PLAC is currently operating. The draft rule changes were shared with the committee prior to the meeting.

Discussion included:

- PLAC review of agency real property interests across the state. This role is provided by the Capital Projects Advisory Board which reviews agencies property portfolios as part of budget generation each biennium.

PLAC recommendation: PLAC approved the proposed changes to the PLAC rules as presented.

3. Oregon Department of Administrative Services / Dome Building Disposition update
Presented by Robert Underwood, DAS

DAS presented to the PLAC in January about plans for the Dome building and have since completed the clearinghouse notice period. During this period the Dome Building Community Coalition notified the department that they were interested in including affordable housing in a redevelopment plan for the building. DAS has been talking to DBCC about their plans. DAS has also completed the clearinghouse notice period for the vacant parcels on Center Street adjacent to the Dome and did not receive any notice of interest. DAS will return with an update in July.

Discussion included:

- Size of parcel and overall land and how that has developed over time.

4. Dome Building Disposition public comment
Presented by Dome Building Community Coalition

The DBCC presented information about their organization and plans for the Dome to encompass affordable housing, building preservation, and community support hub. The group pointed out the challenging conditions in the commercial and office market at present, and the grant-based funding sources that DBCC would explore to preserve and steward the building. DBCC has reached out to many organizations in the area including the City of Salem and SHPO and researched the architectural history of the property.

Discussion included:

- Zoning, maintenance funding, occupancy and seismic requirements, and retrofit budgeting.

General Discussion

Discussion

At the January 2026 meeting ODFW presented a market price sale of a 10-acre waterfront property to Lincoln County. The PLAC recommended ODFW include a deed restriction to protect public use of this parcel. ODFW confirmed that Lincoln County has agreed to this provision.

The Chair shared that he will be participating in a workgroup considering ATV use of public roads.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.