



# Oregon

Tina Kotek, Governor

## Department of State Lands

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### State Land Board

The State Land Board (Land Board or Board) met virtually in special session on July 9, 2025. The meeting audio and video was livestreamed on the DSL YouTube channel.

Tina Kotek  
Governor

#### Present were:

Tina Kotek

Governor

Tobias Read

Secretary of State

Elizabeth Steiner

Treasurer – via Zoom

Tobias Read  
Secretary of State

Elizabeth Steiner  
State Treasurer

#### Land Board Assistants

Geoff Huntington

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#### Department Staff

Vicki Walker

Bill Ryan

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#### Department of Justice

Matt DeVore

Governor Kotek called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The topics discussed and the results of those discussions are listed below. To view the Land Board (Board) meeting in its entirety, please visit our YouTube page: [July 9, 2025, Land Board Meeting](#)

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **1. Appointment of the Department of State Lands Director and bond of Director**

Governor Kotek opened the meeting for public testimony, however, the person who signed up to speak was not in attendance.

Interim Director Bill Ryan then introduced the Governor's Land Board Assistant and Natural Resources Policy Advisor, Geoff Huntington to present the item.

Mr. Huntington gave an overview of the recruitment and interview process.

Mr. Huntington then recommended the State Land Board appoint Kaitlin Lovell to serve for a term of four years as the Department of State Lands Director at a salary to be set consistent

with state policy and the position announcement; and that the Board fix the penal sum for the Director position fidelity bond at \$100,000.

Secretary Read stated that he appreciates the conversations that were had and the thoughtful process that led us to this point.

Treasurer Steiner and Governor Kotek echoed that statement.

Secretary Read made a motion to approve the action item.

Treasurer Steiner seconded the motion.

The item was approved at 10:06 a.m. without objection.

## **2. Appointment of an Interim Director of the Department of State Lands**

Until a new Director is appointed by the State Land Board and takes the oath of office required in ORS 273.165 to enter upon the duties of the office, appointment of an Interim Director is necessary to ensure clear authority and responsibility for administration of the laws conferring powers or imposing duties upon the Department (including authorizing expenditure of funds and entering into contractual relationships).

Bill Ryan is prepared to serve as Interim Director, effective immediately, until a new Director is appointed by the State Land Board and takes the oath of office required in ORS 273.165.

Mr. Huntington recommended that Mr. Ryan be appointed Interim Director until the new director takes her position. This appointment would include a bond similar to the bond for the new director.

Secretary Read made a motion to approve the action item.

Treasurer Steiner seconded the motion.

The item was approved at 10:08 a.m. without objection.

Note: The August meeting will be cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

Treasurer Steiner asked that the Department give a status update regarding the Sandy River Delta that can be shared with the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.



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Kaitlin Lovell, Director