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State Land Board

The State Land Board (Land Board or Board) met in regular session on October 14, 2025, in the Land Board Room at the Department of State Lands (DSL), 775 Summer Street NE, Salem, Oregon. The meeting audio and video was livestreamed on the DSL YouTube channel.

Tina Kotek
Governor

Tobias Read
Secretary of State

Elizabeth Steiner
State Treasurer

Present were:

Tina Kotek	Governor
Tobias Read	Secretary of State
Elizabeth Steiner	Treasurer

Land Board Assistants

Geoff Huntington	Governor's Office
Dmitri Palmateer	Secretary of State's Office
Jessica Howell	State Treasurer's Office

Department Staff

Kaitlin Lovell	Bill Ryan	Ellie Forness	Katrina Scotto di Carlo
Arin Smith	Chris Castelli	Ali Ryan Hansen	Linda Safina-Massey
Ted Bright	Cait McCusker	Hannah Beverage	Jean Straight

Department of Justice

Matt DeVore

Prior to the start of the regular meeting, the Board presented its annual Land Board awards. Governor Kotek gave a brief history of the awards before they were presented.

- **Stream Award:** Sheep Creek Stewardship Project
- **Wetland Award:** West Sundial Wetlands
- **Partnership Award:** John Day Basin Partnership
- **Catalyst Award:** Kyle Waggoner, Umatilla County Soil and Water Conservation District

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: [October 14, 2025, Land Board Meeting](#)

Consent Items

1. Minutes

Secretary Read made a motion to approve the minutes for the June 10, 2025, and the July 9, 2025, Land Board meetings.

Treasurer Steiner seconded the motion.

The item was approved at 10:01 a.m. without objection.

ACTION ITEMS

2. Elliott State Research Forest Board Appointments

The Elliott State Research Forest Board of Directors guides the Department's management of the research forest. An ESRF Board that includes diverse perspectives and experiences is essential to successfully managing a public research forest for multiple benefits and ensuring transparency and accountability. The ESRF Board's roles and responsibilities are outlined in the ESRF Oversight Structure (see Appendix A) approved by the Land Board in April 2024

Director Lovell recommended the Land Board appoint the following candidates to the terms listed below, subject to a positive background check:

- Payton Smith – Four-year term (ending October 2029)
- Haley Lutz – Four-year term (ending October 2029)
- Ken Carloni – Remainder of a three-year term (mid-term vacancy, ending October 2027)

One four-year term remains unfilled. DSL will hold this seat, and any future seats, vacant as it conducts the Tribal consultation process, as long as it maintains a quorum. Currently, Mike Wilson, the ESRF Board member serving in a one-year term position, provides a valuable non-Tribal Indigenous perspective on the ESRF Board. DSL intends to continue his service during the consultation until the vacancies are reopened.

Secretary Read stated that he appreciates the continued dedication of the group. Treasurer Steiner asked if there was a timeline for the Tribal consultation process.

Director Lovell stated that it is a top priority.

Governor Kotek stated that Tribes continue to show interest in the ESRF process and she looks forward to an update on the consultation process.

Secretary Read made a motion to approve the action item.

Treasurer Steiner seconded the motion.

The item was approved at 10:07 a.m. without objection.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. Common School Fund Annual Report

Director Lovell introduced Jamie McCreary and Louise Howard from Oregon State Treasury to present the report.

Treasury staff presented the annual report and provided the Board with a year-end summary for Fiscal Year 2025.

Secretary Read asked what the thinking was in moving the asset allocation in line with the pension fund and what the advantages and disadvantages are with that.

Ms. McCreary stated that with asset allocations, the typical timeframe is 3-5 years. They are looking at it every year but taking a deeper dive every 3-5 years.

Treasurer Steiner emphasized that the growth is really solid and has distributed almost a Billion dollars to schools over the last 15 years.

Director Lovell thanked DSL's Fiscal staff for their work as well.

4. Oregon Ocean Science Trust Annual Report

10:30 a.m.

Director Lovell introduced Laura Anderson, OOST Board Chair, Karina Nielsen, OOST Vice Chair and Lisa DeBruyckere, Oregon Sea Grant Director, to present the report.

The report gave an overview of the OOST and their accomplishments over the last couple of years.

10:45 a.m.

Treasurer Steiner asked what role OOST has in offshore energy projects.

Ms. Anderson stated that OOST is a source of knowledge and information on ocean energy but does not make policy.

5. South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve Annual Report

11:00 a.m.

Director Lovell introduced Patricia Fox, Reserve Manager and Chris Castelli, Deputy Director, to present the item which highlighted the accomplishments of the Reserve over the last year.

6. Southern Resident Orca Management Plan

11:12 a.m.

Director Lovell introduced Nataliya Stranadko, Territorial Sea Specialist, to present the report.

On February 16, 2024, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission listed Southern Resident Orcas as endangered under the Oregon Endangered Species Act. The report gave an overview of the Department of State Lands' responsibilities that contribute to conservation of this species.

11:19 a.m.

Secretary Read expressed his appreciation for the recognition in the memo of the need for Tribal consultation in this process.

Treasurer Steiner asked how this work intersects with the work on building up the Chinook salmon habitat and migration.

Deputy Director Bill Ryan came to the table and responded that the Essential Salmonid Habitat (ESH) is regulated by the Oregon Removal Fill Law. All areas designated ESH by ODFW data have a zero-movement threshold. The ESH map provides additional protection.

7. Other

11:23 a.m.

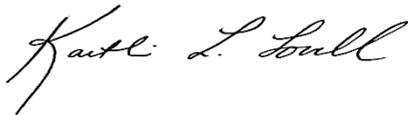
Director Lovell gave brief updates on the following:

- First 75 days on the job
- Stevens Road Sale – Sale of 260 acres where 2400 homes, including affordable housing, will be built
- Sandy River Delta Update

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.



Tina Kotek, Governor



Kaitlin Lovell, Director