

# Oregon Geographic Information Council

Meeting Date: **January 29, 2025**  
Time: **1:00pm to 3:00pm**  
Location: **Microsoft Teams Meeting**



OGIC Chair: Chris Wright  
OGIC Chair-Elect: Dan Brown

## Attendance:

OGIC Members					
*House Rep. - vacant		Patti Sauers	x	Traci Naile	x
*Senate Rep. - vacant		Tom Rohlifing	x	Dan Brown	x
Margarite Becenti	x	Lisa Gaines	--	Madeline Steele	x
Brad Cross	x	Molly Gartrell Earle	x	Matt Oglesby	x
Josh Tanner	x	Shad Campbell	x	Shivon Van Allen	x
Kathryn Helms	x	Brent Grimsrud	--		
Chris Wright	x	Ned Fairchild	x	Fed. Govt - vacant	
Jake Rosenbalm	x	Ed Flick	x	Non-profit – vacant	

\* denotes a non-voting member by statute. (ORS 276A.503)

In person Guests and Presenters: Melissa Foltz

*The OGIC meeting was recorded and the audio/video is available on the [OGIC web page](#). Minutes document a summary of the agenda item, action items and decisions made at the meeting*

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### OGIC Roll Call

Chair Chris Wright called the meeting to order with the roll call. The attendance of OGIC members is marked above for the record.

### Welcome and Introductions

- Leadership Change Introductions
- New Member Introductions
- New Voting Procedures

Chris acknowledges leadership changes. Chris thanked Rachel Smith for everything she's done for the Oregon GIS Community during her time as Oregon Geospatial Information Officer. Chris

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also thanked Molly Gartrell Earle for her work and commitment as the OGIC Chair throughout 2024.

Chris introduces himself as the 2025 OGIC Chair. Chris represents state agencies with responsibilities for water, land, air quality, natural resources or infrastructure.

Chris also introduces Dan Brown as the Vice-Chair. Dan represents the League of Oregon Cities on OGIC.

Chris welcomes Josh Tanner as new OGIC Member. Josh is beginning his 4-year term in January 2025 and represents state agencies with responsibilities for public health, human services, education, or economic or community development.

Molly acknowledges the commitment, dedication, and support Rachel provided for OGIC.

### Item 1: Consent Agenda and Agenda Approval

- TAC and GPL Reports
- Draft October Meeting Minutes

See meeting packet for consent agenda materials.

**Action:** Motion to approve consent agenda made by Madelyn Steele; seconded by Dan Brown. Motion passed.

#### Vote on Consent Agenda – mark Y, N, or O for each person present

Molly Gartrell Earle	y	Patti Sauers	y	Traci Naile	y
Shad Campbell	y	Tom Rohlfing	y	Dan Brown	y
Margarite Becenti	y	Lisa Gaines	--	Madeline Steele	y
Brad Cross	y	Matt Oglesby	y		
Josh Tanner	y	Shivon Van Allen	y		
Kathryn Helms	y	Brent Grimsrud	--		
Chris Wright	y	Ned Fairchild	y		
Jake Rosenbalm	y	Ed Flick	y		

### Item 2: Chief Data Officer Update

Kathryn Darnall Helms updates OGIC on GEO Staff changes including the recent departure of Rachel Smith, Oregon Geospatial Information Officer. Kathryn shares her appreciation for

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everything that Rachel has done during her time as GIO. Kathryn expresses the need to meet with OGIC's executive team to get their feedback about the kind of support and skills that they have found to be valuable for the role. Kathryn will serve as the interim GIO and expects to recruit for the GIO role in spring of 2025.

### Item 3: Framework Program FIT Lead Updates

- Elevation FIT Lead Nomination

Melissa presents Reed Burgette as a nomination for the Elevation FIT Lead. Reed Burgette is the Lidar Coordinator and Remote Sensing Geologist for DOGAMI. He manages the Oregon Lidar Consortium and coordinates collection and distribution of high-resolution elevation data for the State of Oregon. Reed has been actively involved with the Elevation FIT. The Elevation FIT supports the Reed as the FIT Lead.

**Action:** Motion to endorse Reed Burgette as Elevation FIT lead made by Molly Gartrell Earle; Seconded by Chris Wright.

Motion passed.

Vote on new FIT Lead – mark Y, N, or O for each person present					
Molly Gartrell Earle	y	Patti Sauers	y	Traci Naile	y
Shad Campbell	y	Tom Rohlfing	y	Dan Brown	y
Margarite Becenti	y	Lisa Gaines	--	Madeline Steele	y
Brad Cross	y	Matt Oglesby	y		
Josh Tanner	y	Shivon Van Allen	y		
Kathryn Helms	y	Brent Grimsrud	--		
Chris Wright	y	Ned Fairchild	y		
Jake Rosenbalm	y	Ed Flick	y		

### Item 4: Committee Updates

- Outreach and Communications Committee
- Legislative Coordination Committee
- Data Sharing and Governance Committee

#### Data Sharing Committee (DSC) Update

Melissa updated OGIC that the DSC is focused on complete the first phase of the data sharing consultation processes and reviewing lessons learned. Melissa also noted that the consultation

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process may have opportunity to simplify the process before starting on the second phase. The second phase is expected to include datasets that have multiple custodians.

Shad Campbell has served as the DSC co-chair for two years and is interested in stepping down. Shad encouraged anyone interested to reach out to him via email ([shad.cambell@deschutes.org](mailto:shad.cambell@deschutes.org)).

### Outreach and Communications Committee (OCC) Update

Molly updated OGIC on the OCC. The OCC has taken a break since October but has started meeting again after the new year. The OCC's main goal is to finish a one-pager on what OGIC is and what OGIC does. The one-pagers is intended to be used in a variety of contexts such as with the GIS Community, legislators, and the public.

The OCC will also work on building OGIC's presence on EIS's website. The OCC will consolidate information from the OGIC hub site to rebuild its presence on the EIS website.

Molly also encouraged OGIC members to participate in committees that may be working on topics OGIC members are interested or passionate about.

### Legislative Coordination Committee (LCC) Update

Chris updated OGIC that Derek Wharf has stepped down from the LCC. Chris stated the LCC has an urgent need for participation.

Ed Flick volunteered to step in and chair the legislative committee. Tom Rohlifing welcomes Ed to the LCC and provides an update on LCC activities. Tom reminds OGIC that legislative session is active. EIS is monitoring legislative concepts that may impact GIS or mapping initiatives. The committee is prepared to be ready to support EIS funding requests for GIS and statewide imagery.

Chris asks if there have been any bills that the LCC is watching. Tom replied not yet.

### Item 5: Parcels and Imagery Project Updates

- Statewide Parcels Pilot Project Update
- Imagery Program Update

Melissa discusses the need to assign new leads to the Statewide Parcels Pilot Project and Imagery Program projects upon Rachel's departure.

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Melissa will take on the lead for the Statewide Parcels Pilot Project. The pilot counties are expected to continue updates as expected. However, for onboarding new counties will be put on hold for the near term while DAS GEO works to transition staff. In addition, DAS GEO is working to resolve software issues.

Melissa notes that Erik Brewster will lead the 2024 Imagery Collection. The project is near completion. Contractor has notified DAS GEO of intent to deliver within 45 days. Imagery tiles are expected to be available in March and the mosaic will follow in May.

Chris asks for clarification on the parcel's project regarding software issues. Kathryn notes that discussions have been escalated to procurement and DOJ and cannot be discussed in public meetings at this point.

Melissa will also lead the Long-Term Funding Strategy project. The Long-Term Funding Strategy also has a quick timeline and is expected to be completed by end of June 2025. The Long-Term Funding Strategy is currently in the information gathering phase and has recently held a stakeholder meeting and sent out surveys to the Oregon GIS Community to gather feedback on needs. The contractor is looking into other state funding models, reviewing Oregon's imagery portfolio, and is expected to provide potential funding models to meet the specific needs of Oregon. Deliverables include a Long-Term Funding Strategy Memorandum and Executive Summary by the end of June 2025.

### Item 6: Council Business

- OGIC Quarterly Fund Report
- OGIC Fund Report to Legislative Assembly and Governor's Office

Kathryn provided updates on OGIC's quarterly fund report. Minimal expenditures in the last quarter included Framework grant invoices and refunds from erroneous Department of Justice fees.

### Item 7: OGIC 2025-26 Work Plan

- Final 2025-26 Work Plan
- Committee Charter Updates

Melissa presented the progress on OGIC's 2025-26 Work Plan. The updated work plan was presented to OGIC in the October 2024 and submitted for public comment in December 2024. The updated work plan received no comments from the public. Melissa noted receiving a comment from Patti Sauers regarding conflicting wording regarding the decision-making authority

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of the committees. Kathryn clarifies that the OGIC executive committee is the only committee that has decision-making authority.

**Action:** Motion to accept the work plan with text revisions that clarify the Executive Committee does have decision making authority by Molly; seconded by Patti Sauers.  
 Motion passed.

### Vote on new FIT Lead – mark Y, N, or O for each person present

Molly Gartrell Earle	y	Patti Sauers	y	Traci Naile	y
Shad Campbell	y	Tom Rohlfing	y	Dan Brown	y
Margarite Becenti	y	Lisa Gaines	--	Madeline Steele	y
Brad Cross	y	Matt Oglesby	y		
Josh Tanner	y	Shivon Van Allen	y		
Kathryn Helms	y	Brent Grimsrud	--		
Chris Wright	y	Ned Fairchild	y		
Jake Rosenbalm	y	Ed Flick	y		

### Item 8: OGIC Charter Review & Update

Chris and Melissa presented the revised OGIC Charter. The OGIC Executive Committee did not have time to finalize Charter updates. Chris suggested that the working charter be placed somewhere where the Council can collaborate on editing the document.

### Item 9: Public Comment

No public comments received.

### Meeting Adjourned at 1:55

**Action:** Motion to adjourn meeting by Ed; seconded by Madeline.

**Next Meeting Date: April 30, 2025 (In-Person Meeting)**

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