

Oregon Geographic Information Council

Meeting Date: **January 28, 2026**
 Time: **1:00pm – 3:20pm**
 Location: **Microsoft Teams Meeting**

OGIC Chair: Dan Brown
 OGIC Vice Chair: Josh Tanner
 OGIC Immediate Past-Chair: Chris Wright

OGIC Members					
*Representative Nathanson	--	Patti Sauers	x	County Assessor - vacant	
*Senate Rep. - vacant		Molly Gartrell Earle	x	Public Universities - vacant	
Margarite Becenti	x	Shad Campbell	x	State Agency – Natural Resource (2) - vacant	
Brad Cross	x	Traci Naile	x	State Agency – Public Health - vacant	
Josh Tanner	x	Dan Brown	x		
Melissa Foltz	x	Madeline Steele	x		
Chris Wright	--	Matt Oglesby	x	Fed. Govt - vacant	
Jake Rosenbalm	--	Shivon Van Allen	--	Non-profit – vacant	

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

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

Agenda Items
<p>OGIC Roll Call</p> <p>Chair Dan Brown called the meeting to order with the roll call. The attendance of OGIC members is marked above for the record.</p>

Agenda Items					
Item 1: Consent Agenda and Agenda Approval					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TAC and GPL Reports Draft October Meeting Minutes 					
Consent Agenda, Agenda Approval, and October 2025 Minutes					
(Yes, No, Abstain)					
*Representative Nathanson	--	Patti Sauers	Y	County Assessor - vacant	
*Senate Rep. - vacant		Molly Gartrell Earle	Y	Public Universities - vacant	
Margarite Becenti	Y	Shad Campbell	Y	State Agency – Natural Resource (2) - vacant	
Brad Cross	Y	Traci Naile	Y	State Agency – Public Health - vacant	
Josh Tanner	Y	Dan Brown	Y		
Melissa Foltz	Y	Madeline Steele	Y		
Chris Wright	--	Matt Oglesby	Y	Fed. Govt - vacant	
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<p>Action: Motion to approve consent agenda made by Madelyn Steele; seconded by Molly Earle.</p> <p>Motion passed.</p>					

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Item 2: Vice Chair Vote

- Vote for Vice Chair

Dan Brown provides an overview of Vice Chair nominations selected in November. Josh Tanner was the sole candidate to accept nomination.

Elect Josh Tanner as Vice Chair
 (Yes, No, Abstain)

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*Senate Rep. - vacant		Molly Gartrell Earle	Y	Public Universities - vacant	
Margarite Becenti	Y	Shad Campbell	Y	State Agency – Natural Resource (2) - vacant	
Brad Cross	Y	Traci Naile	Y	State Agency – Public Health - vacant	
Josh Tanner	Y	Dan Brown	Y		
Melissa Foltz	Y	Madeline Steele	Y		
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Action: Motion to elect Josh Tanner as Vice Chair effective immediately made by Shad Cambell; seconded by Patti Sauers.

Motion passed.

Item 3: Introductions

- New Chief Data Officer
- New OGIC Officers
- Membership Updates

New Chief Data Officer

Dan Brown introduces Nate Ramsey as Oregon's new Chief Data Officer. Nate provides a background in public service while working with the federal government. Nate outlines his background with geospatial data noting his experience with U.S. Census Bureau and Federal TRIO Programs.

New OGIC Officers

Dan Brown introduces 2026 OGIC Officers which rotate with the calendar year.

OGIC officers for 2026:

- Chair: Dan Brown
- Vice-Chair: Josh Tanner
- Immediate Past Chair: Chris Wright

All OGIC officers also serve on the Executive Committee. Molly Earle, previous immediate past chair has concluded her service as an OGIC officer and has rolled off the executive committee. Molly will continue to chair OGIC's Outreach and Communications Committee.

Membership Updates

Melissa Foltz provides update on current membership status.

- New OGIC members
 - Representative Nathanson, non-voting member, legislative assembly.
- Reappointed members
 - Brad Cross, Association of Oregon Counties
 - Shad Campbell, GIS Manager for County of City
 - Chris Wright, State Agency (water, land, air quality, natural resources or infrastructure)
- Members awaiting reappointment
 - Patti Sauers, Public Safety Answering Point
 - Molly Gartrell Earle, Public Member
- Members rolling off OGIC
 - Tom Rohlfing, Oregon Association of County Assessors
 - Lisa Gaines, Public Universities

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- Ned Fairchild, State Agency (water, land, air quality, natural resources or infrastructure)
- Brent Grimsrud, State Agency (water, land, air quality, natural resources or infrastructure)
- Ed Flick, State Agency (public health, human services, education, economic or community development)
- Vacant Seats
 - Oregon Legislature – Senate
 - Oregon Association of County Assessors
 - Public Universities
 - Federal Agency
 - Non-Profit
 - (2) State Agency (water, land, air quality, natural resources or infrastructure)
 - State Agency ((public health, human services, education, economic or community development)

Item 4: Emergency Response Mapping (SB5517)

- Guest Presenters Daniel Stoelb and Curtis Peetz, Oregon Department of Emergency Management

Daniel Stoelb presented to OGIC on Emergency Response Mapping for Critical Public Facilities Report – Senate Bill 5517.

Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) has been tasked with reporting to Public Safety Subcommittee on Ways and Means during the 2027 legislative session on internal layouts of public facilities to use during critical incidents.

Project goals

- Identify need for emergency response mapping for critical public facilities
- Identify what tools are currently being utilized
- Identify current gaps in sharing mapping of existing data/facilities

Project Timeline

- Currently working on recruiting project collaborators
- Project kick-off is mid-late February 2026
- Report needs to be finalized by September 2026.

OEM is putting together a work group of project collaborators and is asking for OGIC’s participation.

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1. Defining universal standards for interoperable mapping
2. Identifying an individual to represent OGIC and participate as a project collaborator

Shad Campbell notes that the list of project collaborators does not include any local jurisdictions and asks if cities or counties are represented.

Daniel response that the Emergency Management GIS interest group is comprised of local city and county government folks and includes federal and private sector partners as well.

Melissa notes that the list of collaborators includes Public Safety Answering Points, State Fire Marshal's Office and Department of Energy. These are the three relevant subject matter representatives on OGIC as well. Melissa requests further clarification on what OEM's hope for OGIC participation with the overlap.

Daniel clarifies the ask is to figure what mapping interoperability means and defining the terms and technical details across the enterprise.

Shad asks if this is an OGIC role, or a more technical role, such as OGIC's Technical Advisory Committee. Melissa confirms this is an area that needs clarity and asks is there is a Geographic Information Officer role versus and OGIC role – nothing that OGIC's scope is limited to geographic framework data and critical facilities are exempt from OGIC's public body data sharing process.

Patti Sauers notes that emergency management requires strict adherence to NENA standards to comply with Next Generation 9-1-1. Patti expresses concern that OGIC shouldn't advocate for any standard that goes outside of the NENA standards.

Alex Petzold, 9-1-1 Coordinator (guest) at OEM agrees there will be benefit in investigating the overlap with current initiatives and notes that third part applications and data requirements vary across the state – but are also heavy local investments.

Patti identifies Tim Vandewalle as a technical advisory committee (TAC) representative that would be an appropriate subject matter expert.

Traci Naile suggests we nominate an OGIC member to serve as a liaison to the workgroup and identify a TAC member to provide technical support.

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Dan Brown asks if there is already overlap with OGIC representation. Daniel Stoelb identifies Traci Naile as one participant that could represent Oregon Department of Energy and serve as a liaison to OGIC.

Shad asks Daniel Stoelb and Curtis Peetz if there was concern having Traci represent OGIC and the Oregon Department of Energy. No concern was noted.

**Traci Naile and Tim Vandewalle participate as project collaborators in OEM workgroup (SB5517)
(Yes, No, Abstain)**

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Action: Motion to nominate Traci to participate as a project collaborator as an OGIC liaison with technical support from Tim VandeWall, OGIC TAC made by Shad Cambell; seconded by Molly Gartrell Earle.

Motion passed.

Item 5: Outreach and Data Sharing Committee Updates

- Outreach and Communications Committee
- Data Sharing Committee

Melissa indicates that OGIC is losing quorum and remainder of meeting will be informational only.

Molly Gartrell Earle provides an update on Outreach Committee. Molly intends to send out a survey to people participating in the Outreach Committee to get meetings scheduled. She also noted that the GIS community survey did go out later than expected. The survey will close in early/mid-February.

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Shad Campbell provides an update on the Data Sharing and Governance Committee. The Data Sharing and Governance Committee has met twice in the last quarter with discussions focused on tax lots and budget needs/requests.

Item 6: Review OGIC Charter Updates

- Endorse updated charter

Melissa Foltz updates members on changes in the proposed OGIC Charter.

- Updated mission statement to match other communications
- Removed sections
 - Stakeholders – listed all elements
 - Duties of the Council – text copied from legislation was replaced with a link to full legislation.
 - Communication Plan Elements – Charter links to OGIC’s communication plan
- Replaced Chair-Elect with Vice Chair to align with nomenclature in the legislation
- Added new section on Expectation for Council Members to encourage participation
- Decision Making Process
 - Links to communication plan
 - Quorum changed to fifty percent plus one voting members to align with legislation. Quorum was previously stated as fifty percent plus one appointed voting members.
- Executive Committee – Framework coordinator was identified as additional Data Governance and Transparency staff member.

Adoption of charter will appear on April’s meeting agenda as a voting item.

Item 7: Council Business

- Preliminary Membership Survey Results

Nate Ramsey shares slides on how EIS and DGT priorities work together and where OGIC fits into EIS. Nate acknowledges he is still learning the role but has received feedback from OGIC members that there is a need for better understanding of EIS and DGT and sees an opportunity to get everyone on the same page.

Nate shares slides on EIS mission, vision, values, structure, and services to give members an idea of the breadth and focus of work at EIS. EIS services include:

- Administrative Services
- Privacy and AI Strategy
- Strategy and Design
- Cyber Security Services
- Data Governance and Transparency Services
 - Chief Data Officer
 - Geospatial Information Officer
 - OGIC
- Project Management Office
- Project Portfolio Performance
- Data Center Services

Nate also highlights how OGIC's efforts benefit EIS and serves as an example of community partnership and collaboration. OGIC's data standards and process have also been used as an example of local and state government working together to create standardized data.

Nate also recognizes that DGT is currently short staffed and there is a need for staff work to be targeted and intentional as DGT works towards more efficient and effective support structures.

Patti Sauers notes that OGIC has had federal vacancies for several years and asks if Nate has any federal partners that would be interested.

Elaine Guidero (guest), USGS Liaison expressed her interest in the federal seat as well, but notes that the voting requirement would require additional approvals. Melissa will connect with Elaine after the meeting to discuss federal vacancy further.

Preliminary Membership Survey Results

Melissa Foltz reviews the membership survey results and highlights areas of opportunity that were seen in the results.

- May be time for OGIC to consider exceptions to in-person meetings; encouraging in person participation but still allowing for exceptions where it makes sense.

Agenda Items

- Opportunities to add value to in-person meetings - networking, links to forums or subcommittee meetings.
- Clarify OGIC priorities in relation to committee work and agenda topics
- Establish better links between OGIC Strategic Plan and committee work
- Improve onboarding materials/experience
- Identify ways to help members engage and communicate with respective communities
- Clarify and reinforce important partnerships – EIS, Framework Program, Technical Advisory Committee, Policy Advisory Committee, OGIC Subcommittees.

Next steps include the Executive Committee to continue to review results and prioritize improvements.

Item 8: Public Comment

No public comments.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.

Next Meeting Date: April 22, 2026 (In-Person)

For more information contact 971-375-6986.

Notes:

- 1) The agenda item times shown above are approximate. Items may begin early or later than the time shown.
- 2) If you would like to give public comment, you have three options:
 - a. Submit written comments to [Melissa Foltz](#) by 10am on the day of the meeting
 - b. Email [Melissa Foltz](#) by 10am on the day of meeting and request to give public comment on a specific agenda item
 - c. Raise your hand in the Teams meeting when the Public Comment Agenda Item is reached. (Teams meeting microphones, cameras, and reactions are turned on for all meeting participants for the Public Comment agenda item.)