

Governor's Data Center Advisory Committee

Meeting 6 – Friday, July 31, 2026

9:00 am – 4:00 pm PDT

Webinar Registration Required:

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Topic: Additional Considerations

Purpose of this Process: the Governor has asked “the Data Center Advisory Committee (DCAC) to identify ways to better balance the need for new economic opportunities with smart policy choices that will support our clean energy goals and ensure affordable and reliable electricity for all Oregonians. The Committee will conduct an open and public process to understand challenges and opportunities in key policy areas related to the siting of data centers in our state and then recommend actions that the State of Oregon can take” (*quoted from Committee Charge*).

As such, the Committee’s goal is to use these public sessions to gather and share credible information from subject matter experts, firsthand experiences, real-world data, and diverse perspectives regarding Data Centers in Oregon. *Please note, this Committee is addressing issues related to NEW, not existing, data centers.*

To respond to the Governor’s charge, today’s session will focus on ideas to

- Further address key issue areas the DCAC has identified as needing more information prior to discussing its draft report.

AGENDA

9:00 AM Welcome and Introduction to the Process and the People: Co-Chairs **Margaret Hoffmann** and **Michael Jung**, Committee members: **Dan Dorran**, **Greg Dotson**, **Bill Edmonds**, **Tim Miller**, **Jean Wilson**, and Facilitator, **Donna Silverberg**

- Committee Introductions – All
- What is this committee? What is it NOT? – Co-Chairs
- Agenda review, protocols, and ways for the public to engage – Facilitator

9:15 AM Air Quality (60 Minutes)

ODEQ, **Ania Loyd**, Regional Air Permitting Manager and **Elizabeth Elbel**, DEQ Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program Manager:

- How does Oregon regulate air emissions from data centers? How are risks identified or mitigated? What challenges, if any, do these pose for DEQ?
- Discussion with DCAC

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10:15 AM Impacts of Incentives: Effects on School Funding (50 Minutes)

The DCAC will hear from **Vanessa Clark**, State School Fund Program Administrator, Oregon Department of Education:

- How does the current data center tax incentive structure actually affect statewide school funding?
- Discussion with DCAC members

11:00 AM Economy and Workforce Impacts Pt 1: Economic, Workforce, and Resource Implications Assessment of Oregon Data Centers (60 Minutes)

The DCAC will hear a presentation on current research from economists **Terry Wirkkala**, EConorthwest and **Joao Ferreira**, Weldon Cooper Center at the University of Virginia.

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM LUNCH BREAK (30 Minutes)

12:30 PM Economy and Workforce Impacts Pt 2: (45 Minutes)

DCAC and EConorthwest panelists will discuss the information presented and address remaining questions and answers.

1:15 PM DCAC Discussion with ALL Speakers (45 Minutes)

2:00 PM BRIEF BREAK (15 Minutes)

2:15 PM Public Comment/Committee Listening (30 Minutes)

2-minute limit per speaker focused on Additional Considerations and Deliberations. 15 people will have an opportunity to speak; please register within 24 hours of the meeting and **see the note below** about Public Comments.

2:45 PM DCAC Roundtable: Connecting the Dots, Preparing for Deliberations (60 Minutes)

The DCAC will discuss with each other what they are seeing and hearing through this process thus far. They will address:

- Issues raised by the public, themes and expected approaches
- “Other Considerations”
- Preparations for the August 4 online DCAC Deliberation Session

3:45 PM Wrap-up and Reminders (15 Minutes)

- DCAC Session 7, “**Committee Discussion and Deliberation of Draft Report,**” will be held ONLINE on Tuesday, August 4 at 9:00 am PT
- Members of the public can provide written comments to datacenter.ac@oregon.gov
- Additional public engagement opportunity: Public Listening Session #3 - September 23, 4-7 pm

4:00 Adjourn Public Meeting

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Public Comments

- The Committee will continue to dedicate 30 minutes at the end of each meeting for public comment.
- The Committee Co-Chairs held 2 listening sessions dedicated entirely to general public comments and will hold a final session in September.
- Comments for today should be **specific to the topic area** and on the State's interests related to the topic of the meeting. Non- or multi-topical comments are welcome at the general listening sessions.
- **Individuals wishing to participate in topical public comments must request a 2-minute time slot 24-hours in advance via email to datacenter.ac@oregon.gov.**
 - Please include:
 - Name and Affiliation (if applicable)
 - Meeting Date and Topic
 - A Brief Summary of Comments (focusing on STATE's interests in topic)
- 15 slots will be booked on a first-come-first-served basis and a balancing of comments received. The facilitator will announce the list at the start of the meeting and again at 2:15 pm. Priority will be given to those who have not spoken at prior meetings to assure the Committee hears many voices.