



Interagency Council for Immigrant and Refugee Coordination
Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement

Joint Council/Community Roundtable Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Agenda

Meeting Objectives:

- *Participants have a grounded, conversational opportunity for Governor to hear from community partners and agency directors*
- *Participants experience a shared understanding of what implementation will look like in Phase 3 for both Council agencies and for community partners*

- 1 –1:30 Community Partner Listening Discussion with Governor Tina Kotek (30 min)**
Focused discussion on implementation, coordination, trust, and operational considerations as ICIRC transitions into implementation under EO 26-04

As Oregon moves into implementation under EO 26-04, what is one thing state agencies should continue doing, strengthen, or pay close attention to help maintain trust, access, and coordination for immigrant and refugee communities?

- 1:30-1:40 Overview of Phase 3: Transition to Implementation Transition (10 min)**
- Governor alignment of ICF, intake, toolkit and training development
 - Recap of tools and processes developed, and decisions and recommendations made to-date
 - Overview of what implementation will look like (short- and long-term)
 - Solicit feedback from community partners

- 1:40-2:20 Joint Council and Community Partner Discussion (40 min)**
- As implementation begins, what parts of the coordination structures, or processes feel most immediately useful or actionable moving forward?
 - What operational questions, barriers, or coordination challenges, still feel unresolved as we move into implementation?
 - Where would greater statewide consistency, coordination, or communication make the biggest difference for communities right now?

- If you could see one meaningful outcome from this coordination work over the next year, what would it be?
- What do strong partnerships and coordination between state agencies and community organizations look like during heightened enforcement periods?

2:20-2:30 Next Steps and Closing (10 min)

Council Members

Kirsten Ray, Federal Coordination Advisor, Governor Kotek

Jessica Ventura, Director, OIRA

Alyssa Chatterjee, Director, Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC)

Dr. Sejal Hathi, Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Andrew Stolfi, Director, Oregon Employment Department (OED)

Dr. Charlene Williams, Director, Department of Education (ODE)

Liesl Wendt, Director, Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS)

Ben Cannon, Executive Director, Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC)

Betsy Imholt, Director, Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

Lisa Sumption, Interim Director, Oregon Department of Transportation

Sean O'Day, Director, Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS)

Andrea Bell, Executive Director, Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS)

Community Partners

Isa Peña, Innovation Law Lab

Yashica Island, Oregon Education Association

Mesfin Beshir, Oregon and SW Washington African Community Development Center

Amra Biberić, Refugee Team Manager, ODHS

Alexis Ashby, Multnomah County

Thatcher Schmid, Multnomah County

Gina Nikkel, Oregon County Association

Parasa Chamramy, Coalition of Oregon School Administrators

Christine Zeller Powell, Catholic Community Services of Lane County

Rebecca Battin, Pacific Refugee Support Group

Lee Po Cha, Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization

Andrea Castillo, Oregon Latino Health Coalition

Melina Pena, Latino Network

Brenda Alvarado, City of Portland

Alyssa Walker Keller, Portland Immigrant Rights Coalition