

FastTrack Permitting Program: Joint Permitting Council — Charter

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Article I. Name, Purpose, and Authority

Section 1. Name.

The body shall be known as the Joint Permitting Council (“Council”).

Section 2. Purpose.

The Council’s purpose is to administer the FastTrack Permitting Program that enables eligible economic development projects to obtain expedited regulatory approvals from Oregon state agencies, consistent with the requirements, processes, and limits set forth in HB 4084 (2026), Sections 1–3.

Section 3. Legal Authority and Placement.

The Council is established within the Office of the Governor and operates pursuant to the authority granted by HB 4084 (2026), Section 1.

Article II. Membership, Terms, and Appointments

Section 1. Composition.

The Council consists of **one representative from each** of the following agencies:

- Department of Transportation (ODOT)
- Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)
- State Department of Energy
- Department of State Lands
- Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
- Water Resources Department
- State Department of Agriculture
- Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD)
- State Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)
- Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS)
- State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI); and
- Two members with knowledge and experience in economic development, all appointed by the Governor.

Section 2. Terms and Service.

Members serve four-year terms and at the pleasure of the Governor. Vacancies are filled by the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired term; members may be reappointed.

Section 3. Compensation.

Members do not receive compensation or reimbursement for expenses.

Article III. Officers

Section 1. Chair and Vice Chair.

At its first meeting and annually thereafter (or as the Council determines), the Council shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair from among its members, with duties and powers necessary to conduct Council business.

Section 2. Duties.

- **Chair:** Presides at meetings, sets agendas, represents the Council, and oversees workplan execution.
- **Vice Chair:** Performs Chair duties in the Chair's absence and supports coordination of working groups.

Article IV. Meetings and Quorum

Section 1. Meeting Cadence and Call.

The Council shall meet at times and places specified by the Chair or a majority of members. Meeting cadence shall be determined by the Council and be responsive to the duties and expectations required of the group.

Section 2. Quorum.

A majority of members constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 3. Voting.

Actions of the Council require approval by a majority of all Council members..

Article V. Staffing and Support

Section 1. Staffing Authority.

The Council may employ staff, including but not limited to a Permitting Specialist, to support program administration, project coordination, and reporting.

Section 2. Duties of the Staff/Permitting Specialist.

- Coordinate intake and initial screening checks;
- Facilitate interagency timelines, issue escalation, and monthly reporting;
- Maintain records and data for annual reporting to the Governor and DAS.

Article VI. Fast-Track Permitting Program Implementation

Section 1. Program Administration.

The Council shall administer a fast-track permitting program allowing eligible projects to obtain expedited regulatory approvals from state agencies.

Section 2. Eligibility Criteria — Scope and Timeline.

The Council shall establish eligibility criteria. The criteria must, at minimum, require that a project:

1. Meet capital investment thresholds by location ($\geq$ \$100M in a metropolitan service district UGB area; $\geq$ \$50M outside such UGBs but not in nonurban counties; $\geq$ \$25M in nonurban counties under ORS 653.026);
2. Require more than one regulatory approval from one or more state agencies;
3. Advance job creation or GDP growth through a target industry cluster, as defined by OBDD;
4. Satisfy readiness criteria established by the Council;
5. Demonstrate land-use compatibility;
6. Applications to the Council may not be renewals of existing permits; and
7. Meet any other Council-established requirements consistent with the Act.

Section 3. Application, Review, and Approval Flow.

An applicant for the fast track permitting program shall submit a project application to the council. The council shall:

(A) Review the application to determine if the project meets the eligibility criteria established under subsection (2) of this section and report the findings to the Governor; and

(B) Forward the application to the Regional Solutions Program created under ORS 284.754.

(b) The Regional Solutions Program shall review the project, for consistency with regional economic development priorities as established under ORS 284.754,

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies or other similar sources, and report to the Governor with a recommendation about whether to advance the project. The report may include additional local or regional dynamics for the Governor to consider.

(c) The Governor shall review each application forwarded by the council and the Regional Solutions Program and determine whether to approve the application.

(d) The Governor may not approve an application if there are 15 projects currently in progress under the fast track permitting program.

Section 4. Cooperative Project Plans

For each approved fast-track project, the Council shall develop and approve a cooperative project plan that:

- Sets intermediate and final completion dates for all state regulatory approvals;
- Provides shorter timelines than existing permit timelines (policy, statute, rule);
- Aligns with streamlining analyses conducted by agencies (removing unnecessary steps, reducing incomplete applications, and eliminating obsolete processes);
- Identifies a lead agency to provide monthly updates to the Council; and
- Includes any additional elements deemed necessary by the Council.

Section 5. Annual Reporting.

By the schedule set in Council procedures, the Council shall submit an annual report to the Governor and DAS describing the status of each project administered under the fast-track program in the previous year.

Article VII. Ethics, Conflicts of Interest, and Transparency

Section 1. Ethics Compliance.

Members shall comply with all applicable Oregon ethics, public meetings, and public records laws.

Section 2. Conflicts of Interest.

Members must disclose any potential conflicts related to projects under review and **recuse** where appropriate.

Section 3. Transparency.

Meeting agendas, minutes, and adopted program materials should be made available consistent with public records and meetings requirements.

Article VIII. Adoption and Amendments

Section 1. Adoption.

This Charter shall be adopted by a majority vote of the Council at a meeting with a quorum.

Section 2. Amendments.

The Council may amend this Charter by majority vote at any regular or special meeting, provided the proposed amendment is noticed in advance.