



Agenda/Notes
Office of Governor Tina Kotek
RJC Economic Opportunity Committee
May 19, 2026 – Zoom
2:30 – 3:30 pm
Moderator – Javier Cervantes

MEMBERS

E	Ciara Pressler		James Cador	E	Marin Arreola
	Evann Goss-Lemelle	X	Justice Rajee	X	Khang Tran
X	James Alan Parker		Latiffe Amado	E	Katrina Barguil

OTHER ATTENDEES

X	Andre Bealer	X	Javier Cervantes	X	Jesse Hyatt
X	Yasmin Solorio				

Topic/Lead	Notes/Main Points	Decisions/Action Items
Executive Order (EO) Discussion	<i>Meeting starts at 2:40pm. New member, Khang Tran, provides introduction. Executive Order Discussion agenda item postponed to the end of meeting.</i>	
Workforce Workgroup Update	<p>Javier: Both Marin and Jan have completed their recommendations. They sent them in last week; Andre and I will review. We want to have that re-shared with the committee before it goes to Racial Justice Council (RJC) and Governor.</p> <p>Khang: How many members are a part of this committee?</p> <p>Yasmin: Nine total, including members onboarding tomorrow.</p> <p>Khang: Is it a continuation of the draft the committee has been working on?</p> <p>Andre: Please share latest recommendations with Khang.</p> <p>Javier: Will do.</p>	Javier to share recommendations with Khang.
Agency Selection	<p>Javier: A quick review of summer work plans. We polled which agencies the committee would like to hear from as far as budgets, Policy Option Packages (POPs), and impacts on them with a racial equity lens. Agencies selected were Business Oregon (BizO), and procurement process of the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). Procurement has been an issue raised with a lot of committees and it is something of an opportunity to have an insight of this committee and RJC. Those are the two agencies we have.</p>	

Andre: Just want to touch on those two agencies. BizO makes sense from a budget engagement standpoint for the committee. Would be fruitful for the committee to look at the tech assistance program at BizO. Its currently not permanent program within their current service level. It has been an ongoing concern for the committee. Don't believe that is something that is currently being incorporated into their current service level and is continuing to be a POP.

When it comes to DAS procurement, we haven't engaged with DAS procurement in past conversations -don't know a budget conversation is really fruitful here. Maybe more of a program conversation- things they are doing or undertaking in terms of revamping state procurement. They have a lot of issues underway and time to get a peak under the hood to see how they are making procurement more efficacious and state dollars are going towards Oregon based companies serving the community. Just want to frame that to ensure you are having the engagement you want to have, and the limitations on what those two agencies are dealing with. The hope is that we can serve up to the agencies a really specific set of expectations, what you want to see, how you want to see it, and your expected outcomes for these conversations.

Javier: The idea is we would utilize the racial equity lens to ensure we make things more accessible. Opening doors for folks to have a better access for technical assistance and how Business Oregon works with communities of color and marginalized populations. The other question was who would you like to present from these agencies?

Khang: Are we looking at these opportunities as grants or in terms of contracts?

Andre: It's not around a specific program; it's more of a wholistic picture. It's more about the rules, how procurement is set up around the state. Not specific to a program in DAS procurement, more so looking at the rules and regulations. For example – a type of level of insurance a company needs to do business with the state. The background processes to roll out specific grant programs. Another example is opening more frequent price agreements. Putting out a Request For Proposal (RFP) and eligible companies apply, companies are then selected. The problem is those prices agreements might not reopen for a long time to allow others to apply after the initial time frame closes.

Javier: What do you want to hear, committee?

Justice: For me, from BizO, is how well their programming or activities align with growth and maintenance, expansion, and how well among current programs are going to be in consideration for their POPs for long session – how well are

they articulated in how they're organizing. That businesses are being able to grow, not just magic of attracting people. It's not always seen as a target goal, engaging with smaller businesses here and how much there was support. What are they revamping with the goal to do *what* better? Compared to what they are already doing. Would want them to articulate what that revamp is intended to do by their estimation and by hearing from this body around something that is better targets.

James: There are gaps in our small business support. Want to make it as evergreen as possible. We want to hear from Business Oregon (BizO) on what those businesses can look like. Recently had meetings with BizO staff as an example of really reducing cost and capitol of underserved businesses. As they move to their process, it's important the RJC and EOC are not just a sounding board but a co-developer.

Long lost reserved Fund, around 3 years ago, had a meeting recently on the roll out of that. There was a lot they hadn't fully talked through. Specifically with Northwest Native Chamber – on who qualifies for that for example. These are things I know if we had a list of programs to reach underserved markets, this could be something this committee could be a thought partner for.

Andre: We will have a better idea of POP conversations at the end of this month. That's why we don't have that for you yet. Definitely agree with you.

James: Kate Sinner was the person I worked with at BizO. We talked DAS – don't know what programing within procurement reform but having a bit more transparency with community feedback in that process is a powerful add.

Javier: Liked what Justice mentioned to be specific and the revamp of what it is. What's the intention with better targets, as it comes to equity and racial justice.

Andre: We have the June 16th meeting to request presentations, which will be 2 hours long. Don't have specifics around Business Oregon yet – assumption the Technical Assistance Program is in there.

James: Theres a lot of press on Prosperity Council and preliminary findings that are showing up. Not sure how Governor wants to address this but having Tim on for a meeting would be great. Just feel like at some point we should be engaging in what that is and what it looks like. Some of it caught some of us off guard, though it's not official yet. How we will engage in that. Some things we will be in support of. I know it's not on the agenda today but want to raise up for us to be a part of.

Andre: Tim will be at RJC meeting on Thursday.

Andre/Javier to connect with Tim on Prosperity Council draft

	<p>Javier: Can be a new priority for us with engagement.</p> <p>Andre: I think first step is to understand from Tim on the Prosperity Council and don't know what opportunities may or may not exist. First step is to hear from him on where they are with the recommendations and finalizing everything.</p> <p>Khang: They haven't released the draft yet right?</p> <p>Andre: Nothing official.</p> <p>Khang: Might be beneficial for us to see the draft. Might be beneficial to get something from DAS or BizO to get something ahead of time for the conversation.</p> <p>Andre: Try to make sure you get all info ahead of time.</p> <p>Khang: Do you post questions ahead of time to the speakers?</p> <p>Andre: Yes, and we set expectations on how we'd like them to show up. This is the lead for your committee priorities as we head into session. With this we can figure out who the right folks are to get in front of you in the conversations. If there is anything else, between now and the end of the week, because we want to give them time to prepare, please just let us know so we can make sure to incorporate that into the agency ask.</p>	recommendations
REIS/Process Outline	<p>Javier: We have a 2-hour committee meeting for June. For July, agencies will report back on how they will incorporate your feedback into their work. For August, we will have regular scheduled 90-minute meeting to discuss framework for the Governor's Recommended Budget (GRB) which is done in December. What the priorities are, any POPS weaving into the work, and how we can have that advocacy get across.</p> <p>Andre: Once we get through Agency Recommended Budget (ARB) engagement, we will start on Governor's Recommended Budget. Things on the Technical Assistance Program, that's probably something you want to ensure is in GRB.</p>	
Priorities	<i>Agenda item truncated (discussed throughout meeting).</i>	
Executive Order (EO) Discussion	<p>James: Being able to share out EO22-15 one last time after I incorporate edits or comments. We have an EO ready for review on your end. Can get this wrapped up to you, Javier, in a clean version by end of day.</p> <p>Jesse: Threw in the chat background on price agreements and what they are used for.</p> <p>Andre: For decisions, we have to have a committee vote on</p>	James to send Javier/Andre final draft for review.

certain things. We will send recap of this meeting. If we hear of anything else from folks for those unable to be here today, we may have to call emergency meeting to have a vote on things. We'll do our best to communicate as quick as possible.

Meeting concludes at 3:28pm

Meeting Materials



RJC REIS
Recommendation Sli

Zoom Chat

14:37:24 From Justice Rajee to Hosts and panelists:

I am at a conference I need to head back to in a moment, so I cannot stay for the full meeting.

14:41:19 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:

Agenda:

- Executive Order (EO) Discussion
- Workforce Workgroup Update
- Agency Selection

o Ex: Who do you want to present?

- What should they know from this committee and what should they presenting to you?
- What outcomes would you like to see?
- Do you have any asks of the agencies?

o What are your expectations for agencies to present

- REIS/Process Outline
- Priorities

14:59:19 From Jesse Hyatt GOV to Hosts and panelists:

Price agreements are part of the state buy-decision-- 1. Surplus 2. OCE (adults in custody) 3. Price agreements 4. open market. There are 3 tiers of procurement 0-25k, 25k-250k, 250k+

15:00:48 From Jesse Hyatt GOV to Hosts and panelists:

forgot one, 1.5 is Oregon forward program

15:09:03 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:

June 19 at 2:30 PM

15:09:57 From Yasmin Solorio, Gov Office (She/her) to Hosts and panelists:

2026 Calendar

June 16, 2026 (2 hr mtg)

July 21, 2026 (1-hr only)

August 18, 2026

No meeting for September

October 20, 2026

No meeting for November

December 15, 2026

Presentation Recommendations

- Choose a small number of agencies to present their REIS
- Choose 1 POP (or a small number) for an REIS analysis
- Be clear around:
 - Expectations
 - Hoped for outcomes (e.g. – feedback from the RJC to integrate into agency request budgets)
 - Who is presenting (e.g. – Agency director, DEIB practitioner, etc.)
 - What information should be shared
- If you would like to hear from agencies about decisions related to the REIS, center conversation rather than writing
- NOTE: Agencies won't fully complete their REIS until Aug./Sept.