



**Agenda/Notes**  
**Office of Governor Tina Kotek**  
**RJC Housing and Homelessness Committee**  
**February 26, 2026 – Zoom**  
**1:00pm – 2:30pm**

**MEMBERS**

E	Cameron Herrington		Jimmy Jones		Melinda Bell
	Cathryn Murray Harris	X	Kim McCarty	E	Nathan Teske
	Jackie Follis	X	Maria "Meg" Guerrero	X	William Miller

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

	Andre Bealer	X	Svetha Ambati	X	Matthew Tschabold
X	Javier Cervantes	X	Yasmin Solorio	X	Jason Trombley, DAS

Topic/Lead	Notes/Main Points	Decisions/Action Items
<p><b>Budget Items if known/Budget direction for ARB (Matt)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Budget Calendar Preview</b></li> </ul>	<p><i>Meeting commences at 1:04pm. Kim provides welcome.</i></p> <p><i>Svetha shares the Governor's letter:</i></p> <p><a href="https://www.oregon.gov/das/Financial/Documents/2027-29%20Budget%20Guidance%20-%20Letter%20from%20Governor%27s%20Office.pdf">https://www.oregon.gov/das/Financial/Documents/2027-29%20Budget%20Guidance%20-%20Letter%20from%20Governor%27s%20Office.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Svetha:</b> We are waiting on budget rebalancing completion in March. There are pressures on HR1 and balancing to prep for. Prepping in likelihood of no additional program dollars, given focus on econ development, implementation of recent Executive Order's (EO's), and protecting Oregon values.</p> <p>CFO Guidance:</p> <p><a href="https://www.oregon.gov/das/Financial/Documents/2027-29%20Budget%20POP%20Guidance%20-%20CFO.pdf">https://www.oregon.gov/das/Financial/Documents/2027-29%20Budget%20POP%20Guidance%20-%20CFO.pdf</a></p> <p>It has details on timeline. In March, continuation of evaluation. March 17<sup>th</sup> is enterprise wide kick off meeting. April is when legislative concepts are due. April 17<sup>th</sup> is POPs due to CFO. Across April and May will be first round review of LC pops. On May 20<sup>th</sup> Revenue forecast will be released.</p> <p><b>Jason:</b> Want to echo as agencies are developing investments, they have to be neutral. They have to find that money within their budget to offset the cost. There is an intention for them to explain what they are letting go of to bring something else on this go around.</p>	

**Svetha:** We are really early on this process and happy to share more as well.

**Javier:** Important for the committee to think about priorities going into the summer. Will be an interesting budget cycle and we will need to see what's possible given environment at play.

**Will:** Is there an opportunity for us to get updates as LC's get developed? They aren't posted on OLIS until later in session but is there a way to get a heads up to be proactive in advocacy and approach. Even if it's a "here's what we're hearing" as we move forward.

**Javier:** We took the approach before, our advisors are good with being able to forecast anything out there.

**Svetha:** Would be helpful to know your preferences for changes – verbal or email for example.

**Will:** Email is always great. Verbal report out in committee meetings would be really helpful.

**Kim:** Based on calendar that you shared, a lot of decisions will be made by April. For us to weigh in and align, would be helpful to hear back in March.

**Javier:** Will have to start strategize going forward.

**Yasmin:** Next committee meeting is April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Legislative Update**

**Svetha:** There is a committee hearing in the Senate.

- HB 4082 is up for work session.
- HB 4037 is in work session.
- HB 4035 was at committee earlier this week.

**Kim:** HB 4037, there was a lot of support but there was also opposition from cities for amendments. What is happening with those?

**Svetha:** There was a few amendments that came in yesterday and today. The other amendment on 4037 was administration of SB 8.

**Kim:** Some other bills to flag are

- SB 1576 has implications to protected classes.
- HB 4123 – concern with immigrant and refugee communities
- SB 1522 – Dept for steady housing, in light of rule making around goal 10, its important were all mindful of how things are being implemented so

- all communities are being planned for.
- SB 1521 – inclusionary housing in Portland MSA. Most folks supportive, others concerned. Its saying that jurisdiction needs to calculate cost to developer and offset that if they are to require affordable housing.
- HB 4037, HB 4082 following those as well.

**Javier:** Racial Equity Impact Statement (REIS) Timeline

- March Budget Instructions Published
  - Budget instructions published March 17
  - Kick off with agencies March 17
- May-July REIS Presentations
- September: Agency request budget due
- September-November: REIS Review and advising
- January Governor’s budget

We know some of the head wins we talked about are federal impacts on anti-DEI work. Some agencies have more federal connections that might raise flags for how we discuss accountability with racial equity impacts. We talked at the start on assessment and look back at how budget outcomes were around programming.

**Kim:** Going in the right direction and my takeaway is we don’t have to shy away from analysis but specifically housing – there is tremendous influence for federal funding.

**Jason:** Also been a part of those conversations. And if there are any programs that get federal funds that might be lost, how do we measure impact to preserve that and how it balances with other areas that won’t get that resource.

**Recruitment Discussion Process - Javier**

**Javier:** I am having meetings with members with attendance issues in the next few weeks. Am starting to ask folks to reapply if you’re interested. If your term is concluding and you’d like to term out, let us know. Will be transparent that the application process is cumbersome. On the recruitment side – Meg and Kim have a draft email to do outreach. We really would like any additional contacts in the community if you have any connections in rural spaces. Svetha and Matt, if you know of any folks, please let us know. Recruitment for the committee opens March 16-27<sup>th</sup>.

**Kim:** Javier created an email introduction to recruit new committee members. I think it will take me a month identify individuals.

	<p><b>Meg:</b> Do you have any idea why we aren't getting more people for recruitment?</p> <p><b>Javier:</b> This committee has a very narrow scope. For example, the Education Committee has a wider scope with early learning, K12, alternative schools, higher education, etc. Housing has a narrower scope; we also tap people who are doing a lot in their communities. We see a lot of the same people in the same rooms. If we can think creatively, we can help broaden that scope - like real estate, housing insurance, etc.</p>	
<b>Remember to update contact information</b>	<i>Javier reminds members to share updated contact information. Meeting concludes at 1:52pm.</i>	

<b>Meeting Materials</b>	None
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**Zoom Chat**

13:03:53 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:

- Agenda (Meeting Feb 26)
- Budget Items if known/Budget direction for ARB
- Others TBA
- Legislative Update
- Budget REIS Calendar Preview
- Recruitment Discussion Process-Javier
- Remember to update contact information

13:05:54 From Svetha Ambati (she/her), Oregon Governor's Office to Hosts and panelists:

The Governor's letter: <https://www.oregon.gov/das/Financial/Documents/2027-29%20Budget%20Guidance%20-%20Letter%20from%20Governor%27s%20Office.pdf>

CFO Guidance: <https://www.oregon.gov/das/Financial/Documents/2027-29%20Budget%20POP%20Guidance%20-%20CFO.pdf>

13:07:45 From FHDC MEG to Hosts and panelists:

I am sorry for being late. I was having problem connecting.

13:15:03 From Yasmin Solorio, Gov Office (she/her) to Hosts and panelists:

Quick note that our next committee meeting is April 30th