Agenda/Notes
Office of Governor Kotek — Racial Justice Council (RJC)
February 26, 2026– Zoom Webinar
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

CHAIR

X	Governor Tina Kotek

MEMBERS

E	Ana Molina	E	Jenny Pool Radway		Matt Newell-Ching
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X	Janice Mason	X	Marin Arreola		Tristen Edwards
X	James Alan Parker	X	Marcus LeGrand	X	Yulissa Magana

OTHER ATTENDEES

X	Andre Bealer	X	Jesse Hyatt	X	Rachael Moser
X	Aurora Dziadul	X	KC Ledell	X	Yasmin Solorio
X	Chris Warner	X	Kirsten Ray	X	Kate Nass, DAS
X	Javier Cervantes	X	Matthew Tschabold	X	Jessica Ventura, OIRA

Topic/Lead	Notes/Main Points	Decisions/ Action Items
Welcome and Roll Call	*Meeting starts at 4:02pm. Governor provides welcome and does an overview of the agenda. Javier takes roll-call.*	
Legislative Updates from Session 15 Minutes	**Matt:** HB 4082: Governor's Housing bill. Allows cities to add land to cities with certain stipulations. Had a lot of great partnership on this one. Just came from Senate Housing and Development Committee, moved out unanimously. **KC LeDell**: HB 4083 – Governors bill to reduce red tape for behavioral health workers. It makes a number of changes like making it easier for behavioral health providers to get credentialling rather than going through multiple different systems, reduces Oregon Health Plan (OHA) administrative burden on providers, and allowing providers to spend more time with patients, also allowing for cross license supervision. This would expand types of professions to give that supervision. Bill passed senate floor yesterday. Anticipate it will be on Governor's desk next week. **John**: Does this bill include any of the U of O Certification process also? Does it include Balmer institutes? **KC**: That is a separate bill, and it is also on route I believe to pass. It was	

put forth by another committee.

HB 4084: Related to economic development. Has been a hot issue as folks want to see what can be done to support in this hard time we are facing with federal government. It establishes a joint permitting council and administers a fast track permitting program and direct state agencies to establish a catalog of permits, and update requirements and thresholds for enterprise zone program.

Governor: Great bill, should pass. Sitting in Ways and Means. Part of Prosperity roadmap.

Andre: Just want to touch on some bills important for this group.

- HB 4079: Directs school district boards, governing bodies of higher ed, to address how institutions respond when federal immigration authority enters school or campus property. Important in terms of different situations we've heard on the ground and across the state to address concerns from community. Is in Senate Education Committee. There was a work session earlier today and public hearing earlier this week – still moving.
- SB 1587: Related to putting prohibitions on public bodies from disposing Personally Identifiable Information (PII) to any data broker, unless data broker attests that data won't be sold or sent to entity for federal immigration law enforcement. Referred to rules on Tuesday. Public hearing and work session happened earlier today.
- HB 4111: Related to providing evidence of a witness of immigration status isn't admissible in civil proceeding. Want to ensure status isn't used unfairly against individuals when dealing with matters in court. Public hearing held Monday, work session yesterday. Moving along as well.
- HB 4138: this bill would require law enforcement agencies to require law enforcement to wear uniforms and could include parameters for facial coverings. Public hearing yesterday, work session will be tomorrow.
- SB 1570: around protections in healthcare facilities. Prohibits hospitals from permitting PII concerning immigration status or citizenship. Sits in House Rules committee, work session earlier today.
- HB 4114: Would create civil cause of action who under color of law enter certain property without warrant. In senate judiciary. Had work session yesterday.
- SB 1516: Around misuse or improper release of pre-trial release. Has as section regarding use of license plate data, etc. public hearing is tomorrow.
- Did not continue through session:
    - HB 4117: Appropriation of $10M for universal representation
    - HB 4150: directs state agencies to require contractors, sub contractors, and grant recipients that will not and do not transport individuals for purposes of deportation.

Marin: On immigration and school bill – can you touch on main points and what it will do or prevent.

	Governor: Primarily a notification bill from my understanding. Requiring educational institutions to have a protocol to communicate with parents on campus, etc. more of a sharing protocol with information, as its happening inconsistently across institutions. **Paul**: HB 4138 on identification and face coverings, how would that be enforced and where is it in process? **Andre**: Work session set for tomorrow. In terms of enforcement, each jurisdiction would have to come up with a plan. Would have to dig into details for you but my inclination is its each jurisdictions discretion. **Governor**: We have an amendment I believe. **Andre**: Will get you an update on that. **Yulissa**: Will there be any consequences for agents not willing to show their faces under that bill? **Governor**: We'll send something out to folks, has been a moving bill with amendments. Briefly on the budget, I am anticipating we will see approximately 1% reduction overall in state expenditures. Bill has passed both floors regarding state tax code, raises more income for lower income families – that bill raises around $300+ million dollars. Allows bill to maintain current funding level for k12 and colleges, etc. We aren't seeing deeper cuts like 2-5% that agencies had to submit prior to session.	Gov. Office team to share info on HB 4138 amendment/ update.
Open Mic 15 Minutes	**Governor**: Announced an early learning care system roundtable. https://apps.oregon.gov/oregon-newsroom/OR/GOV/Posts/Post/governor-kotek-convenes-experts-to-chart-a-path-to-universal-preschool-for-oregon **Jan**: HB 4084 and SB 1586 related to semiconductor research. Just curious if you or advisors have thoughts on why is it receiving so much opposition. **Governor:** Senator Sollman's bill. It has received significant opposition from land use opposition, from land use advocates, with what the senator has proposed. Hoping we can get my bill done, as some of the things in Sen. Sollman's bill are in my bill. Ran into opposition, particularly around land use issues. **Paul**: Earlier this week our Criminal Justice Reform Committee (CJRC) had Dept. of Corrections (DOC) director Mike Reese come and present to us. One of which was potential replacement of the Oregon State Penitentiary (OSP) which may cost up to a billion dollars. They're talking about two things- replacing OSP and geriatric system. Where we are financially and next biennium, looking back to last time we were about to cite up a prison in Junction City, we passed HB 3984 and adverted the need to build a new prison. Want to bring up our concern and things from years past before building another prison. **Governor**: Yes I helped shepherd that bill as Speaker. It's an opportunity for similar conversation, it's a little different because we might not have	

	the right prison space right now. We will need to ask 'are we doing the right thing', or couple with alternative sentencing structures, through different tools or programs to have to build additional prison capacity. Will have to go back. And if committee would be interested to write me a letter, would be helpful to use in the planning process. Really helpful discussion. **Paul**: Gald to hear you say that and we will work on a letter. **Marin**: Would like to recommend if we can invite Chief Prosperity Officer, Tim Knopp, to our RJC meeting. **Governor**: Check in for next month, will be great to meet him. **Meg**: You know immigration enforcement might take over housing, we might lose rent income and talking about across the board. Every organization I talk to is concerned about loss of rents we might be facing. Do we have any modeling we are working on to help us navigate this difficult time if this comes to a reality. **Governor**: Are you referring to mixed family and subsiding s housing through HUD? **Meg**: Yes **Matt**: Yes we've talked to some of the housing authority with the notices given. We can follow up with more detail. Or trying to shift resources around for housing authorities. **Meg**: Maybe we should talk about this during our session and housing and homelessness. **Governor**: Financial institutions would be collecting citizenship status for banking. We've been trying for years to keep people banked vs using predatory products. That's a very dangerous path.	Tim Knopp, CPO, for March agenda.
Update: Interagency Council for Immigrant and 20 Minutes	**Jessica**: Director of the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement (OIRA). At the core of our work, its important immigrant values are at the heart of decision making so communities aren't an after thought. These are families in school, workforce, and neighborhoods. Last fall met with over 40 providers, youth leaders, regional coalitions, and met with 30+ additional partners. This hasn't been symbolic, but significant listening continue to hear confusion around data privacy and data sharing, increased demand for legal services, strained community organizations with services and support, and more desire for state and community response. They're asking for clear alignment. They want agencies to speak with one voice, want clarity for school districts and providers. They want clear direction from agencies. The Executive Order (EO) 26-04 established Interagency Council for Immigrant and Refugee Coordination. Order formalizes to ensure agencies are aligned and pathways are clear. I want to thank Governor for leadership during this time with rapid federal shift. Turning it over to Kirsten with more details with EO, structure and	

	detail. **Kirsten**: Governor signed EO on January 30th. First meeting was February 11th with Governor to set expectations. Jessica spoke to impacts we're seeing across sectors, education, healthcare, etc. so agencies reflect that. Comprised of 10 agencies with most frequent touchpoint with immigrant and refugee communities. Over next month council will develop scope of work as their first deliverable. Will then move into second phase to implement workplan – deliverable deadline of May 30th. Want to ensure frontline staff have clear and direct communication. Within a year the goal is greater predictability, reduce service disruption and ensure public confidence to ensure stability and confidence during this time of federal uncertainty. EO Link: https://www.oregon.gov/gov/eo/eo-26-04.pdf **Jessica**: We've developed structure partner framework. It establishes structured feedback loop, parter feedback integration, and decision support, etc. will send an engagement plan to RJC for review. **Latiffe**: I am wondering how the new Interagency Council is working alongside immigrants and immigrant justice folks on the ground? Made me wonder about an RJC committee to help guide that interagency work. **Governor**: Maybe we can have the council come to RJC for regular touchpoints. **Jan**: Regarding data collection - A constant I see often whenever folks ask for data or collecting info, we really need to be better about how data will be used and who has eyes on it. Just want to cite it out loud as it's always a concern in community on who is getting it, how is it used, etc. If you make clear those answers, community will be more willing to give it. I chair an advisory group in our office. Been talking a lot about safety, resiliency, and immigration. One thing we're looking at is being prepped and having a triage scenario on how we approach and react. Think of being prepared for super bowl, there will be a winner and loser, but you need to be prepared for both with different communications. Having those communications already pre-made helped with those communications in a timely manner. **Governor**: Great point. Thanks, Jan. We are also thinking of our employees, their families, as well. The indiscriminate nature of how this is happening. **Latiffe**: Just a concern that the engagement is Portland/metro centric. Our United for Immigrant Justice for Lane County has not had any engagement opportunities; it's a group that's been leading efforts for decades. Eugene often feels forgotten, we too have an ICE field office and some larger immigrant communities that are rural. **Governor**: We have started off with mostly organizations that have statewide impact, but we should make sure we're reaching all part of the state. **Jessica**: Happy to connect with you. Please feel free to reach out. Our	OIRA to attend future RJC meetings for regular updates.

	office there's only one engagement person and me but please reach out so we can get that set up. **Kirsten**: Jessica will also meet with counties to escalate issues at the state. **Governor**: We're all learning new skills and networking to ensure we are connected. **Marin**: Cities are creating certain funds for families impacted by immigration, is the state analyzing potential state fund like that? **Governor**: There were some budgetary asks part of that, but don't know if there's additional funds going in. Great to see city and counites adding into that as well. **John**: Theres still those concerns whatever policy changes, etc., how do we begin to have that dialogue on how it affects preexisting established cultures here. We're looking at this immediate crisis need. Concerned how these move forward? **Governor**: Goal isn't to go backward. Hoping these are short term additional resources needed but goal isn't to go backwards. There are unique things that have popped up. Hopeful this session will end with a rebalanced budget, that the goal.	
Announcements	**Javier**: Next meeting is on March 19th and will be hybrid. Term expirations are coming up for some, please let us know if you'd like to continue or conclude your service. *Meeting concludes 5:02pm*	

Materials	None

Zoom Chat

16:03:11 From Vince Porter to Hosts and panelists:
Vince Porter Deputy Chief of Staff
16:03:16 From Yasmin Solorio, Gov Office (she/her) to Hosts and panelists:
Yasmin Solorio, Executive Assistant
16:03:17 From Chris Warner, (he/him) Gov Kotek to Hosts and panelists:
Chris Warner, Chief of Staff
16:03:18 From Kirsten Ray, Office of Governor Kotek to Hosts and panelists:
HI everyone, Kirsten Ray, Federal Coordination Advisor, Governor's Office
16:03:20 From Andre Bealer (he/him) Governor's Office to Hosts and panelists:
Andre Bealer, Equity and Racial Justice Director
16:03:20 From Svetha Ambati (she/her), Governor's Office to Hosts and panelists:
Svetha Ambati, Senior Housing Advisor, Governor's Office
16:03:22 From Jesse Hyatt GOV to Hosts and panelists:
Jesse Hyatt, Business Equity Manager
16:03:26 From Jessica Ventura | Oregon OIRA to Hosts and panelists:
Jessica Ventura, Director, Office of Immigrant & Refugee Advancement
16:03:27 From KC LeDell to Hosts and panelists:
KC Ledell, he/him, Senior Behavioral Health Policy Advisor
16:03:35 From Kate Nass, CFO to Hosts and panelists:
Kate Nass, Chief Financial Officer
16:03:54 From Matthew Tschabold to Hosts and panelists:
Matthew Tschabold, Housing and Homelessness Initiative Director, Governor's Office
16:08:22 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:
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16:11:26 From Aurora Dziadul, Office of Governor Tina Kotek to Hosts and panelists:
Here is a link to the HB 4082 one-pager: https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2026R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/315034.

16:13:01 From Yulissa to Hosts and panelists:
What's the number of the behavioral health bill?

16:13:10 From Governor Tina Kotek (she/her) to Hosts and panelists:
The full Behavioral Health Talent Council report is now out - lots in here!
https://www.oregon.gov/gov/policies/Documents/W00082508_GOV_Behavioral%20Health%20Talent%20Council%20Report_2026_web.pdf

16:13:16 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:
HB 4083

16:23:48 From Perla Medina Alvarez to Hosts and panelists:
Thanks for the summaries.

16:25:44 From Kate Nass, CFO to Hosts and panelists:
It moved out of sub committee just this afternoon - HB 4062

16:26:19 From RJC Marin Arreola to Hosts and panelists:
Thank you Kate.

16:27:02 From Yulissa to Hosts and panelists:
Will there be any consequences for agents not willing to show their faces under that bill?

16:34:45 From FHDC & Evolve to Hosts and panelists:
Are there any modeling being consider due to potential rent loss and housing instability tied to federal immigration enforcement shifts?

16:43:07 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:
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16:45:13 From Latiffe Amado (she,her,ella) to Hosts and panelists:
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16:50:14 From Kirsten Ray, Office of Governor Kotek to Hosts and panelists:
EO 26-04: https://www.oregon.gov/gov/eo/eo-26-04.pdf

16:53:54 From Latiffe Amado (she,her,ella) to Hosts and panelists:
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16:56:08 From Jessica Ventura | Oregon OIRA to Hosts and panelists:
Jessica.n.ventura@odhs.oregon.gov

17:01:43 From Yasmin Solorio, Gov Office (she/her) to Hosts and panelists:
2026 RJC Meetings:
March 19, 2026 (in-person)
May 21, 2026
July 16, 2026
September 17, 2026
November 19, 2026