



Agenda/Notes
 Office of Governor Tina Kotek
 RJC Criminal Justice Reform Committee
 May 26, 2026 – Zoom
 3:00pm – 4:00pm

MEMBERS

X	Babak Zolfaghari-Azar	E	Nansi Lopez		Shaylie Pickrell
X	Cameron Hayes	X	Dr. Nicholas Crapser		Sterling Cunio
	Mariana Urdaneta Sanchez	X	Paul Solomon	X	Tristen Edwards
X	Michelle Love	X	Shay Huber		

OTHER ATTENDEES

	Andre Bealer	X	Javier Cervantes	X	Valerie Colas
X	Yasmin Solorio				

Topic/Lead	Notes/Main Points	Decisions/Action Items
Agency Selection Discussion	<p><i>Meeting starts at 3:03pm. Javier shares agency selection results were Dept of Corrections (DOC) and Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) and Oregon Public Defense Commission (OPDC).</i></p> <p>Javier: The idea was we didn't select a whole bunch of agencies or groups so we could have a better deeper dive on who to speak with for us as a committee as the agencies present with us. We have a two-hour meeting on June 23rd.</p> <p>Tristen: I was the one that suggested OPDC. Interested in OPDC budget to know what kind of investments are being made or how budget is being used for quality control for contract and solo practitioners. Don't know if through the Racial Equity Impact Statement (REIS) process we can reach that level of specificity. Can we ask specifically about that and if not through RIES then maybe we talk to OPDC to come and talk to us on OPDC issue.</p> <p>Paul: I think that it's within our purview within REIS to look at both agency budget and any Policy Option Packages (POPs) that they have. Given relationship with Ken, wouldn't take much to have him show up at future meeting and talk through issues. Think that's the easier route to go and that would give us better part of the two hours – think DOC is the one that gives me the most concern. Really appreciate Governor's concern for us not to forget about OYA but we have more people in DOC and there are a lot of racial equity issues in that system and I would like for us to spend healthy amount of time on that budget.</p>	

Tristen: That all makes sense to me. Having OPDC and Ken talk about this issue is something we should do and is a good replacement to reviewing their budget through REIS process. The Governor wanted us to look at OYA because she doesn't want funding to get reduced at OYA even if population is going down, I threw out OYA because we haven't established a relationship with the OYA Director. I think we should do DOC and OPDC first.

Paul: Maybe 20 – 30 minute agenda item with Ken for OYA and other issues.

Javier: Committee, thoughts on adding OYA?

Babak: Having DOC and OYA is a good max for me.

Cameron, Dr. Crapser, Shay, and Michelle approve OYA.

Javier: Well have OPDC at a future conversation. Question for the committee, for the DOC and OYA conversations - who do you want to present, what is the overview of the upcoming potential POPs for each conversation? What are the expectations you want the agencies to prep for from your perspective so they can present accordingly.

Tristen: Would like the OYA Executive Director to present and for DOC we want Mike Reese to present.

Paul: If they have other staff to bring along would be great but it is important for them to direct those conversations.

Valerie: Mike Tessean is the OYA Executive Director.

Paul: At what point will we be able to see agency POPs?

Jaiver: Agency POPs haven't come out. They aren't expected to be out until later, don't have exact date.

Valerie: For which POPs, should be by June but likely before end of June.

Paul: Would be helpful for our conversations to see the POPs in advance because DOC may have a dozen or more POPs and we don't want to go through all of them. We'll want to select 1-2. REIS process is looking at POPs and agency budget from my understanding. DOC has a monster budget. We will want to get surgical for particular asks on the budget depending on asks. The more specific we can get, the more fruitful our conversations can be.

Javier: Were trying to find the sweet spot on when we get those POPs. This committee has the benefit of being a bit later in the

month, other committees meet a bit earlier. Which means they may need to reschedule.

Paul: Wondering if there is a smaller group of committee members that want to meet to review POPs and review decisions on which ones we want them to present on?

Tristen: That makes sense and I'm happy to participate in that.

Paul, Babak, and Shay confirm interest.

Valerie: Maybe our CFO analyst can join and talk about the different buckets for DOC and OYA. If there's any interest in that for the pre-meeting and can ask if she can join.

Paul and Tristen: Would be great.

Javier: Did send email to Kate Nass and she said she'd be able to make sure someone is available.

Paul: Not sure if we want the DOC analyst there at the meeting?

Valerie: Analyst will have more information on those agency budgets.

Tristen: OK great.

Paul: When do you think in June the POPs will be released?

Valerie: By early part of June. I hesitate to say exactly when because there are follow-up questions for some and some have placeholders, they have different timelines for agencies to build out and do something with it.

Paul: Maybe if we schedule between June 10th and 12th to give enough time to prepare for June 23rd?

Valerie: Can confirm with Javier as well to ensure that still tracks.

Paul: In the meantime Yasmin can send doodle poll for 10th and 12th.

Javier: What are the expectations?

Paul: Hard to answer until we know what we'll be asking of them.

Javier: Can table that for later. POPs are due in early June, the idea is that we give them enough time to know who you want to hear from. For July, we hope to have them report back how they incorporated the feedback you gave them. Then in August we go into Agency Budget Development (ARB) for the Governor's

Shorter committee meeting to be added for early June. Yasmin to send out scheduling poll.

	<p>Recommended Budget (GRB). That is the game plan for next several months.</p> <p>Tristen: Question on restorative justice POP for Restorative Justice Commission. What did we land on Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) for current service level?</p> <p>Paul: Just got off a call and they were given permission to include those POPs as permanent moving forward. Restorative Justice was one of the items given the green light.</p>	
<p>Review Previous Priorities</p>	<p><i>Agenda item truncated.</i></p>	
<p>REIS/Process Outline/ Budget Engagement</p>	<p><i>Discussed during first agenda item.</i></p>	
<p>Alternatives to incarceration workgroup – how does CJRC want to engage?</p>	<p>Tristen: Just wanted to check in on if there are any Eastern Oregon Correctional Institution (EOCI) updates from Cameron.</p> <p>Cameron: We are finalizing the project charter and scope. Recently sent to Javier and Andre on work the document for final edits to get a final one to send to DOC.</p> <p>Javier: He has also been working on one-pager. It has been a lot of good work, thanks Cameron.</p> <p>Paul: As it relates to alternatives to incarceration work, there’s a lot going on in that space. Grateful the Governor supports our efforts and found \$150K in the CJC budget. In conversation with Ryan earlier today, they’re moving forward with procurement process. They need to get a little clear around scope. Valerie, how much do you need to be driving that process?</p> <p>Valerie: What do you mean by how much?</p> <p>Paul: Partnership for Safety and Justice has also been working on this and they sent information to Ryan on the potential scope and there is some direction around what the work should look like. A piece is stakeholder engagement work, but it also looks like there may be a legislative workgroup that can take on that piece of that work. Maybe this is more on data analysis?</p> <p>Valeire: For Procurement process, it’s still Governor’s Office (GO) giving direction to CJC for Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to work on and prioritize to see if they can speed up that timeline and procurement. GO is still trying to convene meetings. Have set up meetings with legislators and others on how much process can be with them (legislators) so it’s all aligned instead of different bodies working separately. For now, we’re still thinking we’ll convene with both stakeholders to give recommendations to the legislature. If Rep. Chotzen wants to do something and is open to combining efforts, then I’ll bring back to Governor and how to move forward on this.</p>	

Paul: That all sounds great. Our concern remains the timeline is tight for a report by early next year. The sooner we can get the Request for Proposal out the better. We have an informational hearing scheduled during legislative days. Senator Prozanski has carved out time.

Babak: Its June 15th at 11:30am

Paul: It will be Rep. Chotzen, Tristen, Paul, and possibly Sterling, to talk about what we see as an alternative process might look like and provide historical context on justice reinvestment 3194.

Tristen: If we can circulate testimony and get approvals in time, we would likely be able to give testimony as the RJC. We can have something to you by end of week, which would give two weeks to approve.

Javier: There is a hiccup now and engagements for the RJC. We need to start calling in more in-person meetings vs email. We want to make sure we figure out how best to reengage.

Paul: Tristen and I are scheduled to give testimony. I think what we could do is acknowledge that this is an effort taking shape under RJC, speaking in a personal capacity. And want to acknowledge committees work in this role.

Javier: Probably what you want to do.

Tristen: In general, I think in person testimony will always be more effective. Want to make sure we can do those things. Just when you all are thinking of this new process, having clear deadlines on when to submit something. To have a meeting scheduled last minute will be difficult.

Javier: Acknowledged. Will keep those in mind. Feel free to send suggestions as we recalibrate.

Tristen: These are parameters of what we are going to say. Other suggestion is to have this figured out as soon as possible so we can be prepped to do things really early.

Javier: We'll do our best we can. What is the committee or hearing?

Tristen: Senate Judiciary.

Javier: Who else is attending? Co-chairs, and possibly Sterling?

Paul: Sen. Prozanski will testify, Rep Chotzen.

	<p>Babak: Will be on June 15th at 11:30am.</p> <p>Paul: There is a virtual option, but most will try to be in-person.</p> <p>Javier: Start thinking of other priorities going into the summer. What else may emerge. We have big things like DOC and EOCl.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Meeting concludes at 3:41pm.</i></p>	
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Meeting Materials	 RJC REIS Recommendation Sli
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Zoom Chat

- 15:03:02 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:
May 26th at 3:00pm (1 hour)
- Agency Selection Discussion
 - Review Previous Priorities
 - REIS/Process Outline/Budget Engagement
 - Alternatives to incarceration work group - how does CJRC want to engage?
- 15:03:52 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:
DOC
- 15:03:58 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:
OPDC
- 15:04:02 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:
OYA
- 15:05:00 From Yasmin Solorio, Gov Office (she/her) to Hosts and panelists:
June 23rd
- 15:11:15 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:
Who do you want to present?
- 15:11:27 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:
What are the expectations you want the agencies to prepare for?
- 15:12:13 From Valerie Colas (She/her) to Hosts and panelists:
Mike Tessean
- 15:13:15 From Babak Zolfaghari-Azar to Hosts and panelists:
June 15-17 are leg days
- 15:29:58 From Babak Zolfaghari-Azar to Hosts and panelists:
june 15 1130am-2pm
- 15:37:45 From Babak Zolfaghari-Azar to Hosts and panelists:
brb big spider in my living room lol
- 15:40:57 From Babak Zolfaghari-Azar to Hosts and panelists:
JREP too

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.