



Agenda/Notes
 Office of Governor Tina Kotek
 RJC Housing and Homelessness Committee
 May 28, 2026 – Zoom
 1:00pm – 2:00pm

MEMBERS

	Cathryn Murray Harris	X	Yoni Kahn	X	Nathan Teske
X	Lisa Marandas	X	Star Khan	E	William Miller
E	Leslie Goodlow	X	Gabriela 'Gabi' Mann		
X	Maria "Meg" Guerrero		Melinda Bell		

OTHER ATTENDEES

	Andre Bealer	X	Svetha Ambati	E	Matthew Tschabold
X	Javier Cervantes	X	Yasmin Solorio		

Topic/Lead	Notes/Main Points	Decisions/Action Items
New Member Welcome	<i>Meeting starts at 1:03pm. Meg provides welcome remarks. New members Yoni Kahn, Lisa Marandas, Star Khan, and Gabriela Mann, share background and interest for joining the committee.</i>	Javier to provide committee term date to Nathan.
Co-Chair Opportunity	<p>Javier: We do have an opportunity for a new committee co-chair.</p> <p>Yasmin: Additional meetings for co-chairs include agenda plannings. These are 30 minutes, usually bi-monthly, with Javier, Matt, and Svetha to help plan the committee meetings.</p> <p>Star: Will you share onboarding, time commitments, etc. for those interested?</p> <p>Javier: Yes, please email myself and Yasmin. We can share more information. Will carve out some time next month to discuss.</p> <p>Meg: Open to talk to any of you individually. Co-chairs report back to Governor at the Racial Justice Council (RJC). Also helps with coverage should a co-chair need to miss.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Yoni and Star are interested in co-chair role.</i></p> <p>Yoni: I'm engaged in conversations with matching clients we serve with the right level of services. We're seeing very high acuity and contributing whole lives being siloed out of core services needed to stabilize housing situation. Since you brought up helping people stay housed beyond short term</p>	Interested in HHC Co-Chair role are Yoni and Star.

	<p>and into the long term, is this committee a place to explore those conversations?</p> <p>Meg: This is the perfect place to talk about that. We can make some changes.</p>	
<p>Agency Selection Discussion</p>	<p>Javier: The committee was polled for the interest in agencies for the budget conversations next month. Winners were Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) and the Department of Land Conservation Development (DLCD).</p> <p>In June we will engage with these two agencies to talk about their programs, Policy Option Packages (POPs), which are due mid-June. We'll invite them back in July to see what they learned from our conversations and if they were able to incorporate our feedback moving forward.</p> <p>Racial Equity Impact Statement (REIS) is looking at what is the racial impact on a new line item. Agencies are directed to not create new programs given current monetary limitations.</p> <p>Svetha: Focus of those POPs are they should be net neutral and not require any new revenue. Agency Recommended Budget (ABR) is first, then we head into the Governor's Recommended Budget (GRB).</p> <p>Javier: Who are the people we need to reach out to from these agencies and invite. What questions do you want them to address, and are there expectations you want the agencies to prepare for?</p> <p>Svetha: We don't have POP timing as of right now, will likely be start of June when we have more of an idea.</p> <p>Nathan: Agencies are internally working on POPs and given timeline you described they are probably far along in thinking. Do you want us to weigh in on ideas we might have?</p> <p>Javier: To get information you want to know about.</p> <p>Nathan: Want to hear what their ideas are first. Not so much from agencies, in years past there's been a number of legislative sessions with policies around tenant right issues. Those probably aren't in the prevue with the two agencies you listed. Personally a bit interested in the Governor's new initiative around senior housing. Maybe some racial equity aspects to that too. I'd like to learn more about it but don't know if there is a policy etc.?</p>	

Javier: Getting more information on that program and racial equity work on that. Something we can follow up to address.

Gabriela: What are we trying to accomplish – what is the end result?

Javier: This is an opportunity to inform the agencies on how they complete the work for their next budget. Ability to provide them what programs are important and equity impacts going forward.

Gabriela: There isn't sufficient funding for downpayment assistance. Individual development accounts is also a challenge. Funding provided for those accounts are still the same as about 10 years ago. Would like to see or hear on the very least – housing has to be a priority. How are they going to make changes to that?

Javier: What about for DLCD.

Meg: Important for both agencies to talk about accountability. What systems are they committing to ensure construction is moving more quickly. One thing I think we need to understand from OHCS is where are we in the pipeline? The Governor put a high-level pipeline in housing production and how are we doing that. What are the programs and services being provided to low-income Oregonians and those less likely in housing. For example, veterans, seniors, LGBTQ+ community. I would like OHCS to bring that information and hear from the executive director. It's different when the head of an organization talks vs person implementing. How are we in regard to number of units the Governor set as a goal and what are the impediments reached? Or did we go above the goal?

Nathan: I agree with you and say for Dept. of Land Conservation Development (DLCD). I know there are rules we put in place to hold jurisdictions accountable to meet housing needs. Would love to have a primer on that. Would like to understand better what can be done to pressure those cities.

Gabriela: What will it take to let construction begin. What has been done to help developers to minimize cost to develop land to translate to beginning built. There isn't a lot of low-income housing being built in eastern Portland that accommodates a family of 5 or 6. What is it going to take?

Lisa: Tax credits for developers, there was a lot of discussion around that. Where are we and if they have been implemented to encourage more development.

Governor's Office staff to gather information on new senior housing initiative for future agenda item.

	<p>Gabriela: We are past the discussions; I have been doing real estate for 11 years now and we have even worse problems now than when I first started. We have to translate conversation to action.</p> <p>Meg: We have plenty of information. Should we also invite Housing Accountability and Production Office? That office was created to basically give us information about what is working and what isn't. What are the biggest challenges in producing working units.</p> <p>Svetha: It is made up of members from DLCD and other agencies. They are coming out with a report soon and variables that help increase housing production across the state. Maybe we can figure out best timing on when they can provide update on that report and share.</p> <p><i>Committee recommends directors of both OHCS and DCLD. Next committee meeting is June 25th from 1-3pm. Meeting concludes at 2:02pm</i></p>	Future agenda item: Housing Accountability and Production Office report
Review Previous Priorities	<i>Agenda item truncated.</i>	
REIS/Process Outline	<i>Agenda item truncated, discussed during agency selection.</i>	

Meeting Materials	 RJC REIS Recommendation Sli
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Zoom Chat

13:03:47 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:

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- New Member Welcome
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- Agency Selection Discussion-
- Review Previous Priorities
- REIS/Process Outline

13:05:58 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:

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13:27:23 From Yasmin Solorio, Gov Office (she/her) to Hosts and panelists:

Additional background - RJC meetings are with Governor Kotek (bimonthly for about 2 hrs via zoom)

13:27:46 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:



13:29:00 From Yoni Kahn to Hosts and panelists:

Hi. I would be interested in learning more about the opportunity to serve as co-chair

13:29:17 From Star Khan--she/ella to Hosts and panelists:

I as well

13:29:45 From Yasmin Solorio, Gov Office (she/her) to Hosts and panelists:

Noted Star and Yoni, thank you!

13:33:53 From FHDC & Evolve to Hosts and panelists:

my email mariaguerra@fhdc.org

13:34:07 From FHDC & Evolve to Hosts and panelists:

feell free to call me or send me an email

13:34:22 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:

- Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS)
- Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD)

13:39:31 From Javier Cervantes, Gov. Office (El, He, Him, His) to Hosts and panelists:

- Who do you want to present/Attend
- What are the questions you want them to address?
- Are there expectations you want the agencies to prepare for?

13:43:57 From FHDC & Evolve to Hosts and panelists:

I would like to heard from their ED's What specific strategies is OHCS implementing to help Oregon reach its annual housing production goals?

13:44:26 From Yoni Kahn to Hosts and panelists:

For OHCS, I am curious about their perspective on Permanent Supportive Housing, Behavioral Health and also impact on rent assistance

13:44:30 From Star Khan--she/ella to Hosts and panelists:

Just a quick glance at their website tells me there are no Spanish resources so one of my questions would be around addressing barriers to access

13:44:31 From FHDC & Evolve to Hosts and panelists:

How is OHCS measuring whether investments are reaching historically underserved communities?

13:45:09 From FHDC & Evolve to Hosts and panelists:

What accountability mechanisms exist to ensure funded projects move quickly into construction?

13:45:38 From Star Khan--she/ella to Hosts and panelists:

I was just going to say accountability as well

13:48:30 From Star Khan--she/ella to Hosts and panelists:

what projects they have in mind and have they considered impact on historically marginalized communities

13:49:04 From Star Khan--she/ella to Hosts and panelists:

for DLCD

13:51:13 From FHDC & Evolve to Hosts and panelists:

For DLC What land use regulations are currently creating the biggest obstacles to housing production?

What reforms could significantly reduce timelines for affordable housing approvals?

13:51:44 From FHDC & Evolve to Hosts and panelists:

How is DLCD coordinating housing planning with infrastructure investments such as water, sewer, and transportation?

13:52:23 From FHDC & Evolve to Hosts and panelists:

How is DLCD holding jurisdictions accountable for meeting housing production obligations?

13:53:09 From Yoni Kahn to Hosts and panelists:

For DLCD and OHCS, I am curious about any efforts happening to work collaboratively with affordable housing providers in such uncertain times - i.e. avoiding risk of losing units and incentivizing affordable housing construction moving forward

13:54:09 From FHDC & Evolve to Hosts and panelists:

I wonder if we should also invite the Housing Accountability and Production Office (HAPO).

13:54:16 From Star Khan--she/ella to Hosts and panelists:

none of these agencies take into account multi-generational family dwellings

13:55:06 From Star Khan--she/ella to Hosts and panelists:

there is a real need for low income multi-generational homes

13:59:39 From Yasmin Solorio, Gov Office (she/her) to Hosts and panelists:

To allow enough time for agencies to do a deep dive :)

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.