



# Oregon Youth Corps Advisory Board

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**December 10th, 2020**

2:00pm – 5:00pm

Call in: 1 929-229-5751 Conference ID: 333 930 609#

## MEETING MINUTES

**Members Present:** Co-Chair Robert Jones, Co-Chair Michael Oliver, Mary Chamness, Quincy Gill, Senator Jeff Golden, Senator Michael Dembrow, Evan Sorce, Katy Nelson

### Guests:

**Staff Present:** Jeremy Ahola, Doug Denning, Karen Humelbaugh, Julia Steinberger, Brittany Melzer

## Standing Business

Co-Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

### 1.0 Preliminary and Organizational Business

- 1.1 Opening remarks and agenda review
- 1.2 October meeting minutes were approved.
- 1.3 3.3 The legislative update was moved forward on the Agenda due to conflicts with Senators Dembrow’s and Golden’s schedules. Both gave an update on the special session and Senator Golden presented on his idea to start a Wildfire Workforce Foundation within the Oregon Community Foundation. Oregon Youth Corps programs could potentially receive funds from this foundation. Senator Golden will be chairing the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery. Senator Dembrow will be chairing the Senate Committee on Education. Evan Sorce reported that house committees will be considering defensible space legislation and also mentioned looking into increasing the amount of revenue receives from Oregon Lottery.

### 2.0 Public Comment

*Each Individual/Group will have a time limit of three minutes*

- 2.1 Invited Public Comment: None.
- 2.2 Other Public Comment: None.

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## **3.0 Reports**

- 3.1 Budget Process Overview: The Governor's Recommended Budget (GRB) was released. Director Humelbaugh reported on the budget's priorities. The next step will be legislators releasing their budget and policy statements with their prioritization requests. HECC will provide testimony to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee On Education, who then will make their recommendations to the full Joint Committee on Ways and Means for a vote. The Governor's Recommended Budget for HECC is basically funded at current service level. There is a 10% reduction in general fund that goes to Local Workforce Investment Boards. The Oregon Youth Employment Program (reported out on below) was included in the Governor's Recommended Budget. Debbie Koreski, Lindsey Capps, and Jenn Baker will all serve as appointed Policy Advisor's for HECC. Mr. Capps will be the lead from the Governor's Office for the Oregon Youth Employment Program.
- 3.2 Policy Option Package (POP): Julia Steinberger, Systems Alignment Manager, as well as Director of the S.T.E.M. Council with HECC, presented on Policy Option Package 202, (Oregon Youth Employment Program). The package is part of the Governor's Recommended Budget and, if passed, would be funded at \$11.8 million. There is a companion bill, HB 2092, that allows Oregon Youth Corps to receive part of the allocation and moves Oregon Youth Corps' authority under the same chapter of law.
- 3.3 Legislative Update: Covered above in 1.3
- 3.4 OYC Budget Report: Director Denning announced that the amusement device tax payment is going to come probably today. The majority will be paid today, and the rest will be paid in January. Oregon Youth Corps will be able to fund 22 Community Stewardship Corps grants as soon as the transfer of funds has been completed. The U.S. Department of Labor awarded HECC a Disaster and Dislocated Worker grant, that when fully funded, will allocate \$1M for Oregon Youth Corps grantees. The grants are to be used for fire cleanup. The Bureau of Land Management awarded Oregon Youth Corps a grant for \$45,000 that will focus on tribal youth employment and stewardship.
- 3.5 Operations/Grant Report: Program Officer Jeremy Ahola gave a report on the end of year grant outcomes. Oregon youth Corps was able to grant 22 grant agreements totaling approximately \$410,330. 355 youth were served across 17 different counties. 47% came from rural or frontier communities, and 62% of grants funded had participation from at least one Corpsmember with juvenile justice involvement. Program Officer Ahola transitioned into reporting on the economic and social impacts from not having summer programming in 2020.

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3.6 Board Membership: Senator Golden's appointment to replace Senator Dembrow is waiting on the Senate President's office. Jenny Ammon's application is still sitting with the Governor's Office.

## **Strategic Planning**

4.1 Historical Overview: Director Denning shared a strategic planning update. Discussion ensued regarding how the revised vision and mission better align with Oregon Youth Corps programming. Having Oregon Youth Corps under the Oregon Youth Employment Program aligns with the Workforce and Talent Development Board as well.

4.2 Discussion of 2021 schedule and benefits of in person versus virtual meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 4:56pm.