

# STEM INVESTMENT COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

March 12, 2026 1 pm - 4 pm Pacific Time (US and Canada) (*tentatively will end early*)

Meeting Link: <https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1601705151>

*Persons wishing to testify during the public comment period should email [Cameron.morris@ode.oregon.gov](mailto:Cameron.morris@ode.oregon.gov) 12 hours prior.*

*Times are approximate, and the order of agenda items may vary.*

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(PAM PARLOW as  
delegate)

## Advisory Members:

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## Support Staff:

CAMERON MORRIS,  
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## Standing Business

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| 1:00 | 1.0 Preliminary, Organizational Business: Roll Call, Approval of Minutes<br>Roll call was done. There were not enough voting members for Quorum. There was no public comment submitted. New member Stephanie Salomone also was introduced to the Council. | Chair<br>Hansen & Cameron<br>Morris, ODE |
| 1:10 | 1.1 Overview of Agenda and Welcoming Remarks<br>Chair Hansen introduced herself and the work and people getting their voice out in the short legislative session.   | Chair Hansen                             |
| 1:20 | 2.0 Public Comment<br><i>Each individual/group will have a time limit of three minutes</i>  |  |

## Priority Topics

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| 1:25 | 3.0 Short Session Celebrations & Budget Recommendations<br>Director Pierce went over the updates from short session and the status of the grants. It is our understanding that there were no programmatic cuts for the 2025- 2027 biennium. Chair Hansen said she would like to talk to ODE to see how we can streamline the process moving forward.   |                      |
| 1:40 | 4.0 STEM Education Plan<br>Chair Hansen went over what is needed to get the STEM Education Plan completed before the September 2026 due date. Director Pierce went over the current state of the plan and project management. Director Pierce also went over the timeline of completion of the Education plan. Chair Hansen asked the Council for feedback if this timeline and approach to the plan is the best way to do it. Gabriel Gellon spoke to the importance of consensus in the process. Stephanie Salomone asked about the role of the Hubs in the consuler or helper roles? Chair Hansen spoke to the importance of both for the Hubs. | Adrienne Pierce, ODE |
| 2:00 | 5.0 Workgroup Topics and Scheduling<br>- STEM Ed Plan Design Team  | Chair Hansen         |

- STEM Ed Final Review Team
- STEM Ed Plan External Engagement Planning Team
- Innovation Grant Planning for 27-29 Biennium

Scheduling Cadences

Break Out Rooms

Chair Hansen and Director Pierce went over the different workgroups for the STEM Education Plan. Meetings will likely be virtual or hybrid for the workgroups and Advisory, Non-advisory members and STEM Hub directors are included in the workgroups. The importance of responding to workforce needs and external engagement as relates to the Plan.

The executive summary is going to be reviewed by the Council for feedback due on 3/18. Looking for content feedback and not editing.

2:30 -  
3:00

Adjourn and Next Meeting Dates

Chair Hansen

**2026 STEM IC Dates:**

Q2: 5/15/26 9:30AM - 1:00PM (virtual) *(or move to 6/65/26 9 -12 pm (virtual))*

*Tentative Dates:*

Special Meeting - STEM Education Plan Approval Meeting: 8/4/26 9-10am

Q3: 9/25/26 1- 4pm

Q4: 12/2/26 1-4 pm

Chair Hansen was in favor of pushing the meeting to June 5th for the Q2 meeting. The dates will be approved later on whichever decision is reached.

A summary will be emailed out at the end of the meeting along with the links and forms. Chair Hansen will be following up with members to make sure people join the workgroups.

Chair Hansen adjourned the meeting at 1:42pm.