

STEM INVESTMENT COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

December 3, 2025 - 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM

[Virtual Meeting via Zoom](#)

Persons wishing to testify during the public comment period should email Cameron.morris@ode.oregon.gov 12 hours prior.

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

Voting Members:

K.S. VENKATRAMAN,

Chair

BRYAN FIX

BETH

ALCOULOU MRE

MARCELINO

ALVAREZ

HERB FRICKE

RITA HANSEN

MARV NELSON (PAM
PARLOW as delegate)

Standing Business

12:30

1.0 Preliminary, Organizational Business: Roll
Call, Approval of Minutes

Adrienne and Chair
Venkat

Enough voting members present for quorum.
Chair Venkat made the motion to approve the
previous minutes. Rita Hansen motioned to
approve minutes. Bryan Fix seconded. Motion
passed with unanimous consent.

12:35

1.1 Overview of Agenda and Welcoming Remarks

Chair Venkat

12:40

2.0 Public Comment

Chair Venkat

There was no public comment.

*Each individual/group will have a time limit of three
minutes*

Advisory Members:

KRISTEN HARRISON

DAVID MELVILLE

KRISTI LEBKOWSKY

JILL HUBBARD

BROOK RICH

HEIDI SIPE

ERIC ANDERSON

JARROD LOCKHART

TONG ZHANG

NAGI NAGANATHAN

JESSICA HOWARD

FIDEL FERRER

ANTONIO JACKSON

KYLE RITCHEY-NOLL

DEB MUMM-HILL

Alignment and Partnerships

12:50

Oregon STEM & STEM Campaign Update

Deb Mumm-Hill,
Oregon STEM

Oregon STEM's Youtube had a high traction.

~15,900 full video playthroughs.

Recommendations for Hubs regarding their own
media campaigns:

Facebook is more cost effective. It reached
families, communities and the general public.
LinkedIn has a higher Industry audience and this
elevates your presence and highlights your
impacts.

Oregon STEM can't track analytic data on STEM
Hub sites but it can track when clicks are going to
the other sites.

This Network media campaign creates
groundwork for conversations with local
representatives. In December, Hub specific story
telling will begin (3-4 each month).

Support Staff:

~~ELIZABETH MASSA-~~

~~MACLEOD~~

~~Administrative Specialist,~~

~~Oregon Department of~~

~~Education~~

CAMERON MORRIS,

Office Specialist, Oregon

Department of Education

Deb shared that it is important to share organic posts. Linked in engagement has really skyrocketed for Oregon STEM. Lots of opportunities for promoting your own STEM Hub. Proof of concept for you.

Localized elevation of Hubs from now till Spring 2026.

1:05 -
1:15

Data Dashboard & Distribution of Grant Updates

Chris Hesselbein,
NW STEM Hub

Chris Hesselbein has been working to get our output data together. Number of hours of PD, student engagement, volunteer data, etc. Started using Common spreadsheets to track that data. STEM Hub Dashboard shows areas on a map of Oregon with engagement where you can click into the data.

Deb Bailey, ODE

The data will continue to be collected and the information updates as new data comes in.

1:15 -
2:45

STEM Legislative Report Review

Deb Bailey, ODE

Director Adrienne Pierce presented the draft Legislative report. Deb went over some of the changes on the report to show the work the HUBs are doing with quantitative stories.

3 Breakout rooms were created to gather feedback from the council on portions of the Legislative report.

David Melville's group talked about the numbers and access and impact metrics and what the story tells with this report. The group also talked about elevating the different aspects of STEM. Elevate Mathways and include CS.

Deb Bailey recommends that Hubs review data on their onepages, especially since the data in the STEM Legislative Report was compiled by the data submitted in the common metrics dashboard.

Cameron Morris to send an email out later with the STEM HUB One-Pagers so that the directors can make minor adjustments to One-Pagers.

Chair Venkat spoke on recommended partner

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metrics with a common learning outcome.

Deb Mum-Hill made recommendations on how to adjust the Executive summary - specifically elevating identified impacts and interconnections of programming across the network.

Bryan Fix's group shared that they felt it is easy to get lost in the report unless you look at the data in the appendix. They recommended considering how value is being created out of the dollars. Recommended that graphics could be clearer on what's being indicated. Recommended if possible to include a graph that captures funding, impact and disparity. Clarification was elevated that these data points are currently difficult to identify, but the new common metrics data collection will aid in data stories moving forward.

2:50 - Break
3:00

3:00 - Legislative Updates
3:15

Kyle Ritchey-Noll

Kyle Ritchey-Noll spoke on how funding for STEM initially started out with the business community. There will be a special session Feb 2-March 9.

This will be a difficult session around funding. STEM IC/Network has to show how these programs connect to Oregon's economic health and individual prosperity. The Oregon Business Council and the Technology Council of Oregon are dedicated to help with this effort.

STEM Investment Council will be the content experts. We'll be focused on asking the Legislature to not cut the STEM Hub Network.

3:15 - STEM Education Plan Updates & Next Meeting
3:30 Agenda Items

Chair Venkat

Chair Venkat spoke on the STEM Education Plan. The workgroup has been going through goals and metrics for the revision of the 5 year plan. On pause until February until STEM IC has a better idea of what funding is looking like for the HUBs.

The recommendation in the plan is to measure and track what matters (and aligned to statute) + integrate AI tools, CCL:

Chair Venkat also made the following recommendations/considerations regarding the plan: Have annual curriculum and standards review, hard alignment with Oregon's Workforce development strategy and equity of action.

Heidi Sipe, advisory member of this group and Umatilla Supt has invited attendees to tour her new CTE/STEM Learning Center, so sharing in case the 5/15/26 meetings can move to an in-person meeting.

Next Meeting Agenda Items for Q1. None set during the meeting.

3:30 - 3:35	Closing Remarks Chair Venkat: Expressed gratitude of Deb Mumm-Hill and her amazing contributions to students, teachers and the STEM Hubs.	Chair Venkat
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Deb Mumm-Hill's position is now open and Kyle Ritchey-Noll shared the [hiring for her position](#). Chair Venkat also thanked Lizzy who had dropped in to say good-bye and her moving to another agency.

ODE announced that the agency hired a new director for the Secondary / Postsecondary Transitions Team (and CTE).

Chair Venkat announced he will be stepping down as Chair so this will be his last meeting. Intention to continue to support STEM education through his participation with WTDB, focusing on workforce development where he feels he has more leverage and capacity to make impact.

3:35 - 4pm	Adjourn and Next Meeting Dates 2026 STEM IC Dates: Q1: 2/27/26 12:30PM -4:00PM (hybrid) Q2: 5/15/26 9:30AM - 1:00PM (virtual) Q3/Q4 TBD in Winter 2026	Adrienne Pierce
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