



Oregon Board of Forestry

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Public Meeting Agenda

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Public Meeting Information

The Board of Forestry will meet in Salem, Oregon on Wednesday, April 23, 2025. This meeting will be open to the public with opportunities for in-person and virtual participation. Key topics for this meeting include updates from the Department on strategic planning and Private Forest Accord implementation, as well as discussions on the State Forester recruitment process. Members of the public are invited to provide testimony:

- Instructions to sign up for a live testimony slot can be found on our website:
<https://www.oregon.gov/odf/board/Pages/bofmeetings.aspx>.
- Written testimony may be submitted by emailing the following address:
boardofforestry@odf.oregon.gov.

NOTE: At this time, testimony related to the State Forester Desired Attributes will be received up until the Board Meeting date on April 23. Consider submitting written testimony by Thursday, April 17, so that Board Members will have time to review your testimony in advance of the meeting.

In-Person Location:

Oregon Department of Forestry
2600 State St., Tillamook Room
Salem, OR 97310

Virtual Meeting Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/OregonDepartmentofForestry>

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Action and Information

8:30 am	1. Opening Comments <i>Chair Kelly, Acting State Forester Skinner and members of the Board</i> This item serves as an opportunity for the Board Chair to offer housekeeping tips and best practices. This is an information item.
9:00 am	2. Public Forum <i>Members of the Public</i> Sign-up instructions for providing public comments are posted on the Board's meeting webpage. Comments are limited to three minutes or less. The forum is reserved for remarks on information items and topics off the agenda. Comment times may be reduced at the discretion of the Board Chair. This is an information item.
9:30 am	3. Strategic Planning Update <i>Acting State Forester Skinner</i> This item serves as an opportunity for the Acting State Forester to provide updates on the Department's strategic planning process and efforts. This is an information item.
9:45 am	BREAK

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10:00 am	<p>4. State Forester Recruitment: Process Presentation <i>Kylen Stevens (Executive Recruiter, Department of Administrative Services)</i> The Board will receive information related to the State Forester recruitment process, including parameters for determining desired candidates, an overview of the recruitment timeline and supports available during the recruitment process. The Board will have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss options with the Executive Recruiter. This is an information item.</p>
11:00 am	<p>5. State Forester Recruitment: Desired Attributes Part 1 – Department Staff <i>Acting State Forester Skinner</i> The Board will receive information on previously proposed desired attributes associated with the State Forester position, as well as hear from the Department an overview of the desired attributes staff associate with the State Forester position. The Board will have an opportunity to ask questions and begin initial discussions on State Forester desired attributes. This is an information item.</p>
12:00 pm	LUNCH
1:00 pm	<p>6. State Forester Recruitment: Desired Attributes Part 2 – Public Testimony <i>Members of the public</i> The Board will have an opportunity to hear from the public on the desired attributes they would recommend for consideration regarding the State Forester recruitment. Testimony will be limited to three minutes per person. Sign-up instructions are available on the Board's meeting webpage. This is an information item.</p>
2:00 pm	<p>7. State Forester Recruitment: Desired Attributes Part 3 – Board Discussion <i>Board of Forestry members</i> The Board will continue their discussions on desired attributes associated with the State Forester recruitment for the Executive Recruiter to capture and integrate in an upcoming proposed job posting. This is an information item.</p>
2:45 pm	BREAK
3:00 pm	<p>8. Private Forest Accord Implementation Update <i>Josh Barnard (Forest Resources Division Chief), Mike Kroon (Forest Resources Division Deputy Chief), Lori Bell (Assistance & Incentives Manager), and Jennifer Ward (Reporting & Training Manager)</i> The Department will provide an update on Private Forest Accord implementation efforts and an overview of Small Forestland Owner programs. This is an information item.</p>
4:00 pm	<p>9. Closing Comments <i>Chair Kelly, Acting State Forester Skinner</i> The Board Chair will offer closing comments and mop up any outstanding work. This is an information item.</p>
4:30 pm	Adjourn

NOTE: Times listed on the agenda are approximate. At the discretion of the chair, the time and order of agenda items—including the addition of breaks—may change to maintain meeting flow. The board will hear public testimony [*excluding marked items] and engage in discussion before proceeding to the next item. * A single asterisk preceding the item number marks a work session, and public testimony/comment will not be accepted.



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PUBLIC TESTIMONY: The Board of Forestry places great value on information received from the public. The Board will only hold public testimony at the meeting for decision items. The Board generally accepts written comments on all agenda items except consent agenda items, other items specifically identified in the agenda, and Work Session items [see explanation below]. Those wishing to testify or present information to the Board are encouraged to:

- Provide written summaries of lengthy, detailed information.
- Remember that the value of your comments is in the substance, not length.
- For coordinated comments to the Board, endorse rather than repeat the testimony of others.
- To ensure the Board will have an opportunity to review and consider your testimony before the meeting, please send comments a week prior to the meeting date. If submitted after this window of time the testimony may not be viewed by the Board until after the meeting. Testimony will continue to be accepted for two weeks after the Board meeting date.
- To provide oral comments at an in-person meeting, register in advance using the information in the meeting agenda and sign in at the information table in the meeting room when you arrive. For virtual meetings, follow the signup instructions provided in the meeting agenda.

Written comments for public testimony provide a valuable reference and may be submitted before, during, or up to two weeks after the meeting for consideration by the Board. Send to boardofforestry@odf.oregon.gov. All comments to the Board will become part of the official record of the meeting and made available to the public on the Board's webpage.

WORK SESSIONS: Certain agenda topics may be marked with an asterisk indicating a "Work Session" item. Work Sessions provide the Board with an opportunity to receive information and/or make decisions after considering previous public comments and staff recommendations. No new public comment will be taken. However, the Board may choose to ask questions of the audience to clarify issues raised.

GENERAL INFORMATION: For regularly scheduled meetings, the Board's agenda is posted on the web at <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/board/Pages/bofmeetings.aspx> two weeks before the meeting date. During that time, circumstances may dictate a revision to the agenda, either in the sequence of items to be addressed or in the time of day the item is to be presented. The Board will make every attempt to follow its published schedule and requests your indulgence when that is not possible.

If you are experiencing technical issues or require accommodations, email boardofforestry@odf.oregon.gov or contact the Board Support Office at (503) 302-6344.

To provide the broadest range of services, lead-time is needed to make the necessary arrangements for offsite locations. If special materials, services, or assistance is required, such as a sign language interpreter, assistive listening device, or large print material, please contact our Public Affairs Office at least seven working days before the meeting via telephone at 503-945-7200 or fax at 503-945-7212.