

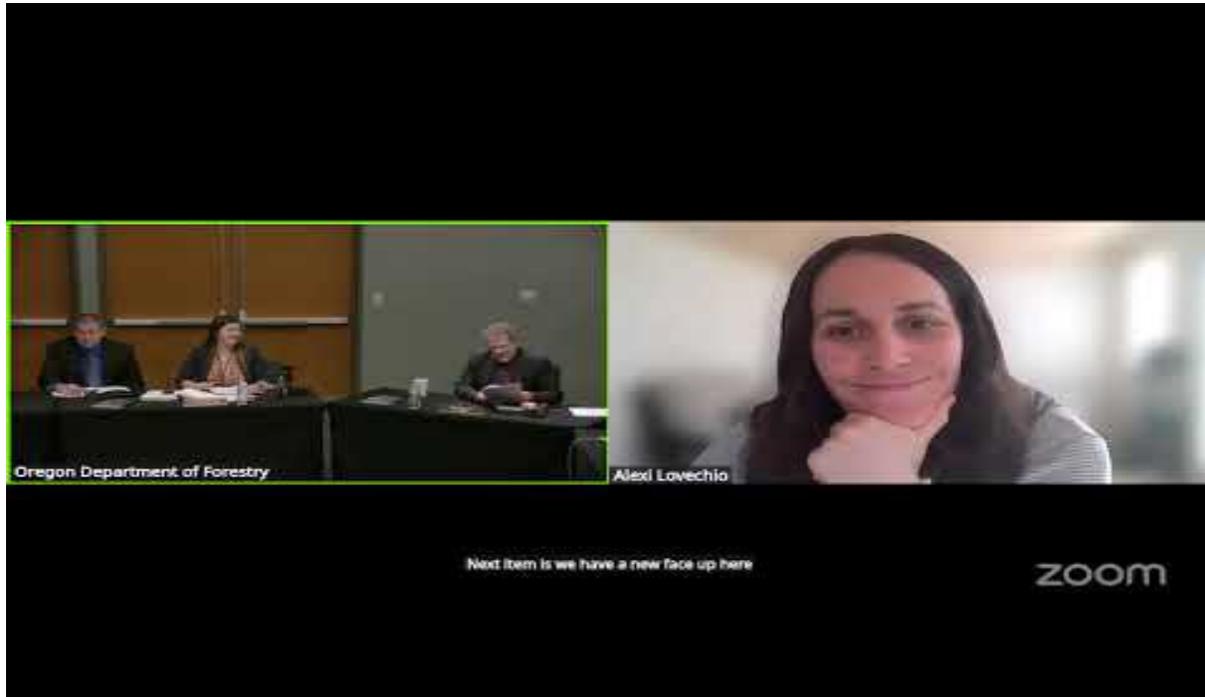
STATE BOARD OF FORESTRY MEETING SUMMARY

March 4, 2026

Wednesday, March 4, 202

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[Oregon Board of Forestry Meeting March 4, 2026](#)



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8:30 AM – Meeting Called to Order

Chair Jim Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was held in-person and by video conference in the Tillamook Room of Building C at the Oregon Department of Forestry’s Salem Campus, at 2600 State St SE, Salem Oregon. Six Board Members including Chair Kelly, Vice Chair McComb, Liz Agpaoa, Heath Curtiss, and Ben Deumling were present in person. Alexia Lovechio was present remotely.

Chair Kelly conducted roll call and provided general housekeeping information.

Board Member	Present	Absent
Liz Agpaoa	X	
Heath Curtiss	X	
Ben Deumling	X	
Joe Justice	X	
Brenda McComb	X	
Alexia Lovechio	X	
Chair Jim Kelly	X	

Staff present to support the meeting included State Forester Kacey KC, Board Administrator Ariel Hammerquist, Supervising Executive Assistant Shawna Bartlett, along with Assistant Attorneys General for the Department of Justice, Matt DeVore and Anika Marriot.

[AGENDA ITM 2 – CONSENT AGENDA](#)

Ben Deumling moved for approval of the consent agenda except for Item B – Board Governance Performance Self-Evaluation. Joe Justice seconded the motion. Roll call was taken and Board members voted as listed below. Motion passed 7-0.

Board Member	Yes	No
Liz Agpaoa	X	
Heath Curtiss	X	
Ben Deumling	X	
Joe Justice	X	
Brenda McComb	X	
Alexia Lovechio	X	
Chair Jim Kelly	X	

[AGENDA ITM 3 – STATE FORESTER INTRODUCTION](#)

Chair Jim Kelly introduced the newly appointed State Forester, Kacey KC. State Forester, Kacey KC, provided some of her professional background to the Board, including her prior position as State Forester for Nevada, while expressing her interest in serving ODF.

Board members welcomed Kacey and thanked interim State Forester, Kate Skinner, for her work with propelling ODF forward.

[AGENDA ITM 4 - PUBLIC FORUM](#)

5 individuals provided live, in-person testimony. (LINK TO WRITTEN TESTIMONY WILL BE ADDED AFTER THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD END DATE)

[AGENDA ITM 5 - LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE](#)

Derrick Wheeler, ODF Legislative Director, gave an update on the 2026 Legislative Session.

[AGENDA ITM 6 - BOARD GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE WORK](#)

Ben Deumling provided an overview of discussions and work done by the Board Governance Committee, reminding the Board of the Governance Committee’s role and responsibilities, as outlined in the Board Policies Manual. Ben shared the draft additions to the Board Policies Manual.

AGENDA ITM 7 - FOREST LAND TRUST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee (FTLAC) is a statutorily established committee that advises the Board on the management of State Forests and other matters in which counties may have a responsibility pertaining to forestland. Margaret Magruder, Vice-Chair of FTLAC, gave an update to Board members and the State Forester.

AGENDA ITM 8 - STATE FORST UPDATE ON STATE FOREST PLAN RULEMAKING

Mike Wilson, State Forest Division Chief, gave an update on the rulemaking process for the Western Oregon Forest Management Plan. Justin Buttress, Policy Analyst and Rules Coordinator for State Forest Division, gave an overview on public comments received.

AGENDA ITM 9 – PERFROMANCE MEASURES FOR WESTERN OREGON STATE FORESTS

Mike Wilson, State Forest Division Chief, and Tyson Wepprich, Adaptive Management Specialist, gave an update on performance measures for western Oregon State Forests. The metrics in the report are based off modeling from last November’s Board meeting, where the Board discussed a set of performance measures based on modeled forest management plan scenarios that will guide the implementation of the draft management plan.

AGENDA ITM 10 - GOVERNOR’S NATURAL RESOURCE TEAM UPDATE

The Governor’s Natural Resource Team - Geoff Huntington, Senior Policy Advisor, Chandra Ferrari, Natural Resource Policy Advisor, and Amy Schulser, Climate and Energy Policy Advisor, gave an update on Executive Orders 25-26 and 25-29.

AGENDA ITM 11 – UPDATE ON ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Josh Barnard, Forest Resource Division Chief, and Terry Freuh, gave an update on Adaptive Management Program’s work over the last year which is mandated by statue.

AGENDA ITM 12 - TETHERED LOGGING RULEMAKING

Josh Barnard, Forest Resource Division Chief, presented on Agenda Item 12 – Tethered Logging Rulemaking. Chair Kelly then opened up public forum on the rule and 5 individuals provided live, in-person testimony on this rule. (LINK TO WRITTEN TESTIMONY WILL BE ADDED AFTER THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD END DATE)

Liz Agpaoa moved to close rulemaking related to OAR 629-630-0150, to close rulemaking related to OAR 629-630-0500 and to direct the Department to return to the Board if a future need for action related to OAR 629-630-0500 is identified. Brenda McComb then called for an amendment. Heath Curtiss seconded the original motion so that it could be amended. The amendment added language to the end of the original motion that ‘ODF shall report all violations within 100 feet of a stream involving tethered logging to the Board annually for the next five years.’ Heath called to question a vote on the amendment. Amendment passed 7-0.

Board Member	Yes	No
Liz Agpaoa	X	
Heath Curtiss	X	
Ben Deumling	X	
Joe Justice	X	
Brenda McComb	X	
Alexia Lovechio	X	
Chair Jim Kelly	X	

Heath then called to return to the original motion as amended, to ‘close rulemaking related to OAR 629-630-0150, to close rulemaking related to OAR 629-630-0500, to direct the Department to return to the Board if a future need for action related to OAR 629-630-0500 is identified and direct the Department to report all violations within 100 feet of a stream involving tethered logging to the Board annually for the next five years’. Motion as amended passed 7-0.

Board Member	Yes	No
Liz Agpaoa	X	
Heath Curtiss	X	
Ben Deumling	X	
Joe Justice	X	
Brenda McComb	X	
Alexia Lovechio	X	
Chair Jim Kelly	X	

AGENDA ITEM 13 – CLOSING COMMENTS

The Board Chair and Board members offered their closing comments for the meeting.

Chair Jim Kelly **adjourned the meeting at 4:13 PM.**