



Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council ([EPAC](#)) Agenda

Date:	5.19.2025	Location: This meeting will be virtual only Virtual Link: Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89151661959?pwd=yjbYAI3RPufUWunRf2ZCKkhe6IW67s.1 Meeting ID: 891 5166 1959 Passcode: 161451
Time:	1:00 – 3:00 pm	
Chairperson:	Commissioner Heather Buch	
Vice Chair:	Mark Ferdig	
Hosting Agency, Recorder:	Carissa Clarke, OEM (Debra Wixom, OEM filling in)	

#	Agenda Items	Purpose*	Presenter
1.	Call to Order, Welcome, & Introductions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call to Order – Quorum and public meeting requirements, recorded meeting. Welcome new members 	Informational	Commissioner Buch Mark Ferdig
2.	Review/Approval Minutes, Additions to Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.17.2025 Meeting Minutes Additions to Agenda 	Decision	Commissioner Buch Mark Ferdig
3.	State Updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Priorities Work Group Brief Out COOP Work Group Brief Out Legislative Update 	Informational	Traci Naile Alaina Mayfield Seiji Shiratori (OEM)
4.	Other Agenda Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal changes to FEMA Impacts on Oregon and OEM 	Informational	OEM Director Erin McMahon OEM Deputy Director Patence Winningham
5.	Round Table:	Informational	Group
6.	Public Comment: Q & A	Informational	Public
7.	Next Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 28, 2025 	Discussion	Commissioner Buch Mark Ferdig
8.	Follow-up Items/Tasks for Next Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workday Trainings and Member Contact Information 	Informational	Commissioner Buch Mark Ferdig
9.	Adjournment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Informational	Commissioner Buch Mark Ferdig

*Agenda Item Purpose – Information, Discussion, Decision

EPAC Information:

- **Chairperson:** Commissioner Heather Buch, Local Association of Oregon Counties, Heather.Buch@LaneCountyor.gov
- **Vice Chairperson:** Mark Ferdig, Local Regional Emergency Mgmt. Organizations, Mark.Ferdig@portlandoregon.gov
- **Council Recorder/Hosting State Agency:** Carissa Clarke, OEM, Carissa.Clarke@oem.oregon.gov
- **Council Members:** Appointed members by Governor or represented State Agency Director, see roster below.
- **Council Website:** [https://www.oregon.gov/oem/Councils-and-Committees/Pages/Emergency-Preparedness-Advisory-Council-\(EPAC\).aspx](https://www.oregon.gov/oem/Councils-and-Committees/Pages/Emergency-Preparedness-Advisory-Council-(EPAC).aspx)
- **Oregon Department of Justice –** [Public Meetings Resource Information](#)

Active Workgroups:

- State Priorities Work Group
- COOP

**Future Meeting Dates/Times for 2025
4th Monday of e/o Month 1-3pm:**

- ~~01.27.25~~
- ~~03.17.25~~
- 05.19.25
- 07.28.25
- 09.22.25
- 11.24.25

Committee Planning Calendar:

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Council Members – Governor Appointment

Appointed Position	Name	Term Start/End
Local - Association of Oregon Counties	Heather Buch	09/2023 – 08/2027
Local - Emergency Management Organizations	Justin Gibbs	07/2022 - 06/2026
Local - Indian Tribes in Oregon	Danny Martinez	07/2022 - 06/2026
Local - League of Oregon Cities		
Local - Regional Emergency Mgmt. Organizations	Mark Ferdig	09/2023 – 08/2027
Nonprofit Community - EM Support Functions Responsibility	Denise Everhart	07/2022 - 06/2026
Private Sector	William Gaston	
State - Department of Energy	Traci Naile	01/2025 -
State - Department of Forestry	Joy Krawczyk	07/2022 - 06/2026
State - Department of Human Services	Ivonne Mora-Hernandez	07/2022 - 06/2026
State - Department of Justice	Scott Burwash	07/2022 - 06/2026
State - Department of Transportation	Amy Ramsdell	01/2025 -
State - Dept. of Emergency Management	Alaina Mayfield	07/2022 - 06/2026
State - Dept. of Public Safety Standards and Training	Michael Anderson	01/2025 -
State - Fire Marshall	Mariah Rawlins	07/2022 - 06/2026
State - Health Authority	Emily Wegener	07/2022 - 06/2026
State - Military Department	Lt. Col. Ryan Barton	07/2022 - 06/2026
State - Police	Nathan House	07/2022 - 06/2026



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ADVISORY COUNCIL (EPAC)

Minutes

March 17, 2025 | 1:00-3:00pm

1) Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions: Commissioner Buch

- a) Call to Order – Meeting recorded. Meeting started at 1:04 pm
 - i) Quorum requirements were met at the beginning of the meeting
- b) Introduction:
 - i) Commissioner Buch introduced new members

2) Review, Approval of Minutes – Additions to Agenda: Commissioner Buch

- a) Commissioner Buch asked for objections or abstentions from the January meeting minutes.
- b) Additions to Agenda - No agenda items requested to be added.

3) State Updates:

- a) State Priorities/IPP (Integrated Preparedness Plan) Work Group Brief: Emily Wegener (Alaina Mayfield [lead], Emily Wegener, Mariah Rawlins, Joy Krawczyk, Heather Buch, Justin Gibbs)
 - a. Emily Wegener provided an update on the first meeting of the IPP Work Group
 - b. Reviewing priorities from several sources
 - c. Cementing plan and priorities before May EPAC meeting
- b) COOP (Continuity of Operations Plan) Work Group (Will Gaston, Nathan House, Michael Anderson, Amy Ramsdell, Heather Buch, Mark Ferdig, Traci Naile, Dan Martinez, Justin Gibbs)
 - a. Leader of the group – TBD – Carissa to send out Doodle poll for first meeting
 - b. Dan Martinez – join COOP
 - c. Justin Gibbs interested in both
 - d. Ivonne Mora would like to join a group

4) Other Agenda Items:

- a) State Community Resilience Coalition Grant Program: Quinn Butler, OEM State Voluntary Agency Liaison
 - i) Quinn Butler introduced a new grant program from OEM – SCRC
 - ii) 2023 Leg HB 3059 – allocated funds to OEM to identify community organizations active in disasters and provide grants for their support.
 - iii) Expire at the end of June – emergency rulemaking
 - iv) Requests members be on the application review committee for this grant
 - End of this month – post organizations with intent to apply. April – short window targeted to apply to the program, review. May – grant remits signed, executed, and funds out by June
 - 4 people

5) Round Table:

- a) Lane County: Commissioner Buch
 - i) Flooding – Lane County Emergency Operations Center activated 3/16
 - ii) Communities are prepared for many events, but not so much flooding
- b) Denise Everhart: Nonprofits

- i) Coordinating between state, local, nonprofit with those impacted by the event is difficult
- c) Patence Winningham: OEM Deputy Director
 - i) OEM activated State ECC – coordination calls
 - ii) Regional Coordination Program
 - iii) Short Term Recovery
- d) Mark Ferdig: RDPO
 - i) Public Safety Legislation list
- e) Mariah Rawlins: OSFM
 - i) Legislative Session – OSFM and ODF have had regular meetings with stakeholders, trying to solve wildfire funding problems: reported to legislature with a handful of solutions, waiting to hear what the next steps are. They were directed to propose solutions, not legislation.
 - ii) Incident Management Teams: getting ready for fire season at annual conference
- f) Traci Naile: ODOE
 - i) ECC activation – no impacts reported
 - ii) Energy Security Plan Update
 - iii) National Exercise Program Applications – FEMA headquarters
 - iv) Collaborative Framework for Fuel Disruptions – application for multistate exercise to test that framework
 - v) County and Tribal Fuel Plan Template
 - vi) County Energy Resilience Grant Program – 19 counties applied – provides \$50,000 to develop a county energy resilience program
 - vii) Fuel Rail Summit – follow-up to be done with private sector to ensure alignment with state
 - viii) Nuclear Safety and Energy Security: tracking 65 bills in the legislature
 - ix) Fuel Planning: geographic diversity of fuel storage, long-term planning for infrastructure
 - x) Nuclear exercise: lots going on with federal changes
- g) Dan Martinez: Tribal
 - i) Counties and Tribes working together
 - ii) Meeting with international group about Cascadia: mudslides, landslides, dam breakage, etc.
- 6) **Future Agenda Item Suggestions:**
 - a) Legislative Update
 - b) Nuclear Update from Traci and ODOE
- 7) **Public Comment:** Public
 - a) No Public comment
- 8) **Next Meeting:**
 - a) May 19 or June 2
- 9) **Follow-up Items/Tasks for Next Meeting:**
 - a) Doodle Poll for next meeting
 - b) Doodle poll for COOP members meeting
 - c) Quinn Butler Grant Information
 - d) Quarterly Meeting Topics
- 10) **Adjournment:** Commissioner Buch

a) Meeting adjourned at 1:54 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Carissa Clarke, Recorder

Oregon Department of Emergency Management

03.17.2025 – EPAC Meeting Attendance

A=Not Present, P=Present, R=Represented, V=Vacant Position

#	Representation – Council Members	Attendance	Council Member
10	Local - Association of Oregon Counties	P	Heather Buch
13	Local - Emergency Management Organizations	P	Justin Gibbs
16	Local - Indian Tribes in Oregon	P	Danny Martinez
11	Local - League of Oregon Cities	V	VACANT
12	Local - Regional Emergency Mgmt. Organizations	P	Mark Ferdig
15	Nonprofit Community - EM Support Functions Responsibility	P	Denise Everhart
14	Private Sector	A	Will Gaston
2	State - Emergency Management	A	Alaina Mayfield
18	State - Energy	P	Tracie Naile
3	State - Fire Marshall	P	Mariah Rawlins
9	State - Forestry	P	Joy Krawczyk
6	State - Health Authority	P	Emily Wegener
17	State - Human Services	P	Ivonne Mora-Hernandez
8	State - Justice	A	Scott Burwash
1	State - Military	P	Lt. Col. Ryan Barton
4	State - Police	P	Nathan House
5	State - Public Safety Standards and Training	P	Michael Anderson
7	State - Transportation	A	Amy Ramsdell

Representation – State Staff	Attendance	State Personnel
State - Gov. Office - Resilience Officer	P	Jonna Papaefthimiou
State - Emergency Management	P	Director Erin McMahon
State – Emergency Management	P	Deputy Director Patence Winningham
State – Emergency Management	P	Carissa Clarke
Representation – Members of the Public	Attendance	Guests/Public at Large
Douglas County Emergency Manager		Emily ring
Harney County Emergency Manager		Melinda Todd

City of Bend		Carrie Karl
OEM State Voluntary Agency Liaison and ESF-16 Volunteers	P	Quinn Butler
OEM Legislative Coordinator/Strategic Comms Manager	P	Seiji Shiratori
OEM Strategic Planning		Bobbi McAllister

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