



# Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council (EPAC)

## Agenda

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| <b>Date:</b>                              | 5.19.2025  | <b>Location:</b> This meeting will be virtual only<br><br><b>Virtual Link:</b> Zoom Meeting<br><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89151661959?pwd=yjbYAI3RPUfUWunRfZCKkhe6IW67s.1">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89151661959?pwd=yjbYAI3RPUfUWunRfZCKkhe6IW67s.1</a><br>Meeting ID: 891 5166 1959<br>Passcode: 161451 |
| <b>Time:</b>                              | 1:00 – 3:00 pm                                       |   |
| <b>Chairperson:</b><br><b>Vice Chair:</b> | Commissioner Heather Buch<br>Mark Ferdig             |   |
| <b>Hosting Agency,<br/>Recorder:</b>      | Carissa Clarke, OEM<br>(Debra Wixom, OEM filling in) |   |

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

#### EPAC Information:

- **Chairperson:** Commissioner Heather Buch, Local Association of Oregon Counties, [Heather.Buch@LaneCountyor.gov](mailto:Heather.Buch@LaneCountyor.gov)
- **Vice Chairperson:** Mark Ferdig, Local Regional Emergency Mgmt. Organizations, [Mark.Ferdig@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Mark.Ferdig@portlandoregon.gov)
- **Council Recorder/Hosting State Agency:** Carissa Clarke, OEM, [Carissa.Clarke@oem.oregon.gov](mailto: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

4<sup>th</sup> 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***

| <b>Appointed Position</b>                                 | <b>Name</b>           | <b>Term Start/End</b> |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 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**

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- 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

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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                    |
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| 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                     |
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| Representation – Members of the Public   | Attendance | Guests/Public at Large             |
| Douglas County Emergency Manager         |            | Emily ring                         |
| Harney County Emergency Manager          |            | Melinda Todd                       |

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| 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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