



**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

Respectfully submitted,

*Carissa Clarke, Recorder*  
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**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 Winingham
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