

# Meeting Minutes

## Oregon Public Records Advisory Council

Jan. 23, 2023

Virtual Meeting

Called to order at 2 p.m.

Members present: Scott Stauffer, PK Runkles, Steve Suo, Shasta Kearns Moore, Andrea Chiapella, Todd Albert, Emily Harris, Tony Hernandez, Mark Landauer, Emily Gothard, Michael Kron

Member absent: Kim Thatcher

### ***I. Discussion and vote on one pager in support of Oregon Senate Bill 417***

- Chair Mark Landauer opened the discussion about the one-pager in support of Oregon Senate Bill 417 for any comments and questions. It was drafted by Members Steve Suo, Scott Stauffer and Public Records Advocate Todd Albert.
- Member Andrea Chiapella said will abstain from voting because she does not yet have authority to offer a position on the bill.
- Member Stauffer said as one of the editors he support the one-page draft and supports Senate Bill 417.
- Vice Chair Emily Harris asked how the PRAC members and the PRAC as a whole will be using the one-page document.
  - Chair Landauer said it's pretty customary to have a general description of the bill and its background in a document to help PRAC members and supporters of the legislation describe the bill.
  - Vice Chair Harris asked if members of the PRAC, who each represent various groups and interest, should use the document when discussing the bill to constituents.
  - Chair Landauer, speaking for himself as an example, said he would use the document to describe the PRAC's position to the special districts that he represents. If special districts have a different position, he would be able to describe the difference.
  - Member Suo said it would be nice to have the shared perspective of the PRAC as a whole. All are free to trumpet the bill or trash the bill based on their constituency's views, but in fairness, it would be great to provide the council's bill as a whole.
- Member Shasta Kearns Moore said the document would be sent to legislators and submitted as public testimony. She asked who would be testifying on behalf of the bill.
  - Chair Landauer said this is new ground for the PRAC.
- Member Emily Gothard suggested reorganizing some of the items and bullet points listed in the document. That includes placing the biggest thing the bill does from the bottom of the one-pager toward the top of the list.
- Member Tony Hernandez said he would use the document as a starting point, whether it's for social media posts or conversations.

- Advocate Albert suggested and placed a copy of the drafted one-pager on the video conference screen so that the entire PRAC could see suggested changes in a live setting before voting.
- Member Michael Kron motioned to approve the document which includes a final check for grammar after the meeting.
  - Motion seconded by Member Hernandez.
  - Motion passes with one member voting against.

## **II. Presenting the one-pager**

- Advocate Albert volunteered to send the one pager document to the Senate in conjunction with information about a separate funding bill for the Office of the Public Records Advocate.
  - After a question from Vice Chair Harris, Advocate Albert said he would share the document with Representative Janelle Bynum, the sponsor of the bill within the House of Representatives.
  - After a question from Member Suo, Advocate Albert said he would be available to meet with committee staff or legislators if requested.
    - Member Suo suggested Advocate Albert make the effort to get on the calendars of committee leaders. Vice Chair Harris volunteered to help with the effort.
    - Chair Landauer suggested that any member of the PRAC is welcome to join meetings with legislators.

## **III. Discussion of House Bill 2112**

- Members of the PRAC had a discussion about House Bill 2112 earlier in the month, and Chair Landauer said the Secretary of State's Office asked if the PRAC would be participating in hearings about the legislation.
- Chair Landauer motioned that the PRAC make a letter in support House Bill 2112 for the purposes of expanding reasons for additional considerations for records retention by the State Archivist.
  - Member Suo seconded the motion.
  - Member PK Runkles, who represents the Secretary of State, said the State Archivist has worked thoughtfully to find a mechanism to preserve documents that are important to tribal communities in the state.
  - Chair Landauer said he made the motion after receiving an assurance from the Secretary of State that the bill will not create a greater administrative burden for local records custodians.
  - Member Chiapella said she will have to abstain from the vote.
  - Vice Chair Harris supports the motion but wanted clarity on how PRAC members should initiate other letters in support of legislation.
  - Chair Landauer said the PRAC will need to have a discussion after this year's legislative session to create bylaws that would outline such procedures because members of the PRAC represent different constituencies. His hope is that PRAC members continue to vote on a consensus or near-consensus when supporting legislation.

- Vice Chair Harris and Chair Landauer volunteered to write the letter in support of House Bill 2112.
- Motion passes with two abstentions and no objections.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned just after 2 p.m.