



BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2026
via Zoom

Board Members:	Rich Polkinghorn, Chair Daniel Blevins, Treasurer Chelsea Ruder, Secretary	Jennifer Bomberger, Vice Chair Lindsey Smith, Policy Council Chair Vicky Waterbury
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Absent Members: n/a

Staff & Guests:	Freddy Gonzalez, Executive Director Jennifer Bouman-Steagall, Attorney Noelle Hanson, staff	Ronda Hull, Assoc. Executive Director Joe Schmier, HR Director Julia Ramirez, staff
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Minutes by: Noelle Hanson

I. Call to Order

Discussion: Rich called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm, with quorum established.

Introductions

Introductions went around to attending members which included the introduction of the new Policy Council Chair, Lindsey Smith.

II. Agenda

Discussion: Board agreed to move the Executive Session (ORS§192.660(2)(h) and (i)) to the beginning of the Agenda.

Action: Chelsea Ruder moved for the Board to move into Executive Session.
Seconded by Lindsey.
Board unanimously moved to approve Executive Session beginning at 5:35 pm.
Board went into Executive Session

III. Executive Session (ORS§192.660(2)(h) and (i))

1. Review and evaluate employment related performance of the Executive Director
2. Consult with legal counsel

Discussion: Board adjourned Executive Session at 6:56 pm.
Board resumed public session at 6:57 pm.

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The Executive Director, Freddy Gonzalez, has tendered his resignation immediately.

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1. Request a motion to authorize a Board member to negotiate a resignation agreement with the Executive Director.

Chelsea motioned to authorize the Board Chair to negotiate a severance package with the former Executive Director.

Seconded by Dan.

Motion carries unanimously.

2. Request a motion to appoint Interim Executive Director.

Action:

Chelsea moved to appoint Rondal Hull as the Interim Executive Director.

Seconded by Lindsey.

Motion carries unanimously.

3. Request a motion to move the remaining Board Meeting Agenda to next month's Board meeting.

Chelsea motioned to move the remaining Board meeting Agenda to next month's Board meeting.

Seconded by Vicky.

Motion carries unanimously.

IV. Adjourn

Chelsea moved to adjourn the Board Meeting.

Seconded by Lindsey.

The Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm.
