



Oregon Board of Forestry

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Public Meeting Agenda

Public Meeting Information

The meeting will be open to the public, allowing for both in-person and virtual attendance. An opportunity for the public to provide live testimony will be available. Instructions to sign up for a live testimony slot can be found on our website: <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/board/Pages/bofmeetings.aspx>. Written testimony may be submitted by emailing the following address: boardofforestry@odf.oregon.gov. Testimony will be accepted prior to the meeting date and up to two weeks after the meeting has ended. Submissions should include meeting date and agenda item number/topic header with the written submission.

In-Person Location:

Oregon Department of Forestry
2600 State St., Tillamook Room
Salem, OR 97310

Virtual Meeting Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/OregonDepartmentofForestry>

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Consent Agenda

A. 2026 Q2 Financial Dashboard Report (February, March, April, May)

James Short (Chief Financial Officer)

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Board with an executive financial report as captured monthly to ensure the Board of Forestry has up-to-date information for oversight of the Department's financial condition. This report will include the financial and budgetary status of the Department as well as other ancillary topics as appropriate. This is an information item.

B. Agency Director Financial Transactions, Fiscal Year 2025

James Short (Chief Financial Officer)

The purpose of this agenda item is to meet the requirements of statewide policy by having the Board review and approve transactions submitted by State Forester Mukumoto and Interim State Forester Skinner for Fiscal Year 2025. **This is a decision item.**

C. Committee for Family Forestlands Appointments and Reappointments

Mike Kroon (Deputy Chief, Forest Resources Division)

The Committee for Family Forestlands is an advisory committee to the Board of Forestry and the Oregon Department of Forestry. This agenda item requests the reappointment of a voting member to serve as the Northwest Oregon Landowner Representative and requests the appointment of a committee Chair and Vice-Chair. **This is a decision item.**

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D. Proposed Final Order- Mark Wildfang

Greg Wagenblast (Policy Analyst/Civil Penalty Administrator, Forest Resources Division)

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board to consider issuing a Final Order related to Mark Wildfang for violation of the Forest Practices Act. A contested case hearing has occurred and an Administrative Law Judge has issued a proposed order. Per rule the Board may only receive arguments from a party if they filed exceptions to the proposed order and exceptions were not filed. **This is a decision item.**

E. Proposed Final Order- Ernest A. Bussman

Greg Wagenblast (Policy Analyst/Civil Penalty Administrator, Forest Resources Division)

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board to consider issuing a Final Order related to Ernest A. Bussman for violation of the Forest Practices Act. A contested case hearing has occurred and an Administrative Law Judge has issued a proposed order. Per rule the Board may only receive arguments from a party if they filed exceptions to the proposed order and exceptions were not filed. **This is a decision item.**

F. Proposed Final Order- Scott Churchill

Greg Wagenblast (Policy Analyst/Civil Penalty Administrator, Forest Resources Division)

The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board to consider issuing a Final Order related to Scott Churchill for violation of the Forest Practices Act. A contested case hearing has occurred and an Administrative Law Judge has issued a proposed order. Per rule the Board may only receive arguments from a party if they filed exceptions to the proposed order and exceptions were not filed. **This is a decision item.**

G. Rangeland Fire Protection Association Budgets

Boone Zimmerlee (Wildfire Prevention and Policy Manager)

The purpose of this agenda item is to obtain Board approval of the annual budgets of the Rangeland Fire Protection Associations currently operating in Eastern Oregon. **This is a decision item.**

H. Facilities Capital Management and Radio Communications

Laura Al Omrani (Director, Facilities Capital Management Program)

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the board with the Current Facilities Capital Management Status and Radio Communications planning report. This is an information item.

I. Equipment Pool Update, ORS 526.144 Overview

Justin Hallett (Agency Administration Division Chief)

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Board with an update on the Department's Equipment Pool, and an overview of ORS 526.144. This is an information item.

J. Deputy State Forester, Appointment

Kacey KC (Oregon Department of Forestry, State Forester)

The purpose of this agenda item is to obtain Board approval for the State Forester appointment of Deputy State Forester, Kate Skinner. **This is a decision item.**



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Action and Information

8:00 a.m.	0. Executive Session <i>Tina Beatty-Walters, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice</i> This item is closed to the public, except for members of the press who are permitted to attend by law. This Executive Session is held to consult with legal counsel concerning legal rights and duties of a public body regarding current litigation or litigation likely to be filed as authorized by ORS 192.660(2)(h).
8:30 a.m.	1. Opening Comments <i>Chair Kelly, State Forester Kacey KC, Members of the Board</i> This item serves as an opportunity for the State Forester and Board Chair to offer introductory comments, housekeeping tips and best practices, and for Board Members to provide introductions. This is an information item.
8:35 a.m.	2. Consent Agenda Items <i>Chair Jim Kelly, Members of the Board</i> This item serves as an opportunity to review and consider items presented on the Consent Agenda. This is a decision item.
8:45 a.m.	3. Public Forum <i>Member of the Public</i> Sign-up instructions for providing public comments are posted on the Board's meeting webpage. Comments are limited to three minutes or less and are reserved for remarks on information items and topics off the agenda. This is an information item.
9:15 a.m.	4. Board Governance Committee Work <i>Ben Deumling, Member of the Board</i> The Board will hear from Board Governance subcommittee members on recommendations to ratify edits brought forth to the Board at the March 2026 Board meeting. The Board is accepting testimony on this item. 15 minutes of time will be dedicated to live testimony. Instructions for sign-up and submission are listed on the Board's meeting webpage. This is a decision item.
9:30 a.m.	BREAK
9:45 a.m.	5. Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee Testimony <i>FTLAC Members</i> The FTLAC is a statutorily established committee that advises the Board on the management of State Forests and other matters in which counties may have a responsibility pertaining to forestland. This is an information item.
10:00 a.m.	6. Western Oregon State Forests Management Plan <i>Nick Palazzotto (State Forests Deputy Division Chief), Justin Butteris (State Forests Policy Analyst)</i> The State Forests Division staff will present the final draft Forest Management Plan and provide information on process for final adoption and plan implementation. This is an information item.
11:00 a.m.	7. Wildfire Outlook and Readiness <i>Michael Curran (Protection Division Chief), Ron Graham (Protection Division Deputy Chief)</i> The Protection Division will provide an update to the Board on the 2026 wildfire season outlook and readiness. This is an information item.



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11:30 a.m.	LUNCH
12:30 p.m.	8. Forest Protection Association Budgets <i>Michael Curran (Protection Division Chief), James Short (Chief Financial Officer)</i> The Protection Division will present the annual report for the approval of the Forest Protection Districts' fiscal year budgets and rates to the Board. The Board is accepting testimony on this item. 15 minutes of time will be dedicated to live testimony. Instructions for sign-up and submission are listed on the Board's meeting webpage. This is a decision item.
1:30 p.m.	9. Closing Comments <i>Board Chair Kelly, State Forester Kacey KC</i> This item serves as an opportunity for the Board Chair to address any outstanding work. This is an information item.
1:45 p.m.	10. Acknowledgement of Chair Jim Kelly Cake and refreshments immediately following the meeting. Community interaction with Jim.
2:00 p.m.	Adjourn Meeting

NOTE: Times listed on the agenda are approximate. At the discretion of the chair, the time and order of agenda items—including the addition of breaks—may change to maintain meeting flow. The board will hear public testimony [*excluding marked items] and engage in discussion before proceeding to the next item. * A single asterisk preceding the item number marks a work session, and public testimony/comment will not be accepted.

PUBLIC TESTIMONY: The Board of Forestry places great value on information received from the public. The Board will only hold public testimony at the meeting for decision items. The Board generally accepts written comments on all agenda items except consent agenda items, other items specifically identified in the agenda, and Work Session items [see explanation below]. Those wishing to testify or present information to the Board are encouraged to:

- Provide written summaries of lengthy, detailed information.
- Remember that the value of your comments is in the substance, not length.
- For coordinated comments to the Board, endorse rather than repeat the testimony of others.
- To ensure the Board will have an opportunity to review and consider your testimony before the meeting, please send comments no later than 72 hours before the meeting date. If submitted after this window of time the testimony will be entered into the public record but may not be viewed by the Board until after the meeting.
- To provide oral comments at an in-person meeting, register in advance using the information in the meeting agenda and sign in at the information table in the meeting room when you arrive. For virtual meetings, follow the signup instructions provided in the meeting agenda.
- Commenters have two to three minutes to make their comments. Comment on decision items is limited to 30 minutes per decision item.

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WORK SESSIONS: Certain agenda topics may be marked with an asterisk indicating a "Work Session" item. Work Sessions provide the Board with an opportunity to receive information and/or make decisions after considering previous public comments and staff recommendations. No new public comment will be taken. However, the Board may choose to ask questions of the audience to clarify issues raised.

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