



BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Date: Thursday, January 25, 2024

Time: 4:30 p.m. NOTE EARLY START TIME

Location: Virtual –

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4:30 Call to Order

Call Regular Meeting to Order

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Requests for Additions to the Agenda *[to be considered under Business Items]*

Public Comment

3. Comments from the Public

Business Items

4. Consent Agenda *[Board members may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda to discuss separately under Item 5]*
 - a.* December 21, 2023 Minutes – Approve
5. Items Removed from Consent Agenda
- 6* Executive Members for 2024 – Ratify and Elect
7. Letter of Support for LTD – Approve
- 8.* Disability Services Advisory Committee - Appoint

Public Comment is limited to 3 minutes. The Board has the right to ask disruptive attendees to leave the meeting. The Board may choose not to respond to comments and lack of response does not indicate support or disagreement. Location is wheelchair accessible. American Sign Language interpretation is available with 48 hours notice.

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LANE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lane Council of Governments

LCOG, 859 Willamette Street, Suite 500, Eugene

The meeting was held in person and via teleconference.

December 21, 2023

6:00 p.m.

VOTING MEMBERS

Present

Bd. Member Heather Buch, Chair (Lane County)
Bd. Member Sonya Carlson, Vice Chair (Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB))
Bd. Member Mike Eyster, Lane Community College (LCC)
Greg James, Willamalane Park & Recreation District
Sherry Duerst-Higgins, Lane Education Service District (ESD) and School District 45J3
Mayor Nancy Bell (City of Coburg)
Councilor Randy Groves (City of Eugene)

Mayor Rob Ward (City of Florence)
Mayor Ken Wells (City of Junction City)
Mayor Bryan Cutchen (City of Oakridge)
Councilor Kori Rodley (City of Springfield)
Bd. Member Jenny Jonak (School District 4J)
Bd. Member Ken Kohl (School District 19)
Bd. Member Steve Recca (Fern Ridge Library Board)
Bd. Member Donna Oshel (Siuslaw Public Library District)
Bd. Member Curt Kendall (River Road Parks & Rec. District)

Absent

Representative City of Cottage Grove
Representative City of Creswell
Representative City of Dunes City
Representative City of Lowell
Representative City of Veneta
Representative City of Westfir
Representative Heceta Water PUD
Representative Emerald People's Utility District
Representative Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue
Representative Western Lane Ambulance District

Representative Rainbow Water and Fire District
Representative School District 40
Representative School District 52
Representative School District 68
Representative Lane Library District
Representative Junction City RFPD
Representative Port of Siuslaw

OTHERS

Pete Knox, Lane Transit District (LTD), Non-voting member
Brenda Moore, LCOG Executive Director
Krista Purser, Kittleson & Associates
Keina Wolfe, LCOG Finance Director
Laura Campbell, LCOG Public Information Officer
Kate Wilson, LCOG Senior Transportation Planner
Michael Wisth, Government Services Division Manager
Beth Bridges, Minutes Recorder

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1. Welcome & Introductions

Chair Heather Buch called the meeting of the Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) Board of Directors to order at 6:02 p.m. Those present introduced themselves.

2. Requests for Additions to the Agenda

LCOG Executive Director Brenda Wilson requested the addition of Board consideration of a letter of support for Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI)'s grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

3. Public Comment

Ali Hunter, expressed concerns the vote for the Senior and Disability Services (S&DS) advisory council positions had been postponed. Later in the meeting, Ms. Wilson said voting on the S&DS advisory council positions would be part of a special January 2024 LCOG Board meeting.

4. PRESENTATION AND ACTION

a. Link Lane Transit Development Plan

LCOG Principal Transportation Planner Kate Wilson reviewed the rural transit service, Link Lane. She introduced Krista Purser, Kittleson & Associates, who gave a Powerpoint presentation entitled *Link Lane Transit Development Plan*. Ms. Purser discussed the plan's contents, including recommendations for bus routes and services, bus stops and facilities, and coordination and rider tools for convenience. She reviewed the project schedule, highlighting in detail the outreach activities and their results.

Bryan Cutchen observed an issue brought up to him was that LCC and University of Oregon (UO) students were charged fees for bus service but the Diamond Express (Oakridge:Eugene service) did not participate in the ride service. Ms. Purser responded the issue had been shared with LTD.

When Kori Rodley asked if there were additional outreach activities in the plan to see if the potential to increase ridership was realized, Ms. Purser said service performance measures were gathered on an ongoing basis that provided ridership information.

Nancy Bell said Coburg staff had met with Link Lane staff after the prior presentation and they had agreed Coburg would be included in future outreach efforts. Mayor Bell noted older residents of Coburg were interested in getting to Eugene without driving cars.

Randy Groves moved to adopt the Link Lane Transit Development Plan, dated December 2023, as submitted. Mayor Bell provided the second. The chair asked if anyone wished to vote against the motion or abstain. Seeing none, she declared the motion had passed unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS

5. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes of September 28, 2023

Sonya Carlson corrected the spelling of her name in the list of those present (~~Sonja~~ Sonya Carlson).

b. FY25 Member Dues

Ms. Wilson said the Executive Committee had reviewed the FY25 Member Dues and voted unanimously to adopt the same rate structure.

Sherry Duerst-Higgins moved to adopt the Consent Agenda (with the minutes corrected). Steve Recca provided the second. The Chair asked if anyone was opposed to the motion or abstained. Seeing none, she declared the motion passed unanimously.

6. Letter of Support

Ms. Wilson explained DOGAMI staff were submitting a grant application to FEMA to fund risk and geohazard studies for multiple hazards in Lane County, e.g., wildfires followed by floods. They had requested LCOG provide a letter of support.

Mike Eyster moved that LCOG provide a letter of support for DOGAMI's grant application to FEMA. Steve Recca seconded. The Chair asked if anyone was opposed to the motion or abstained. Seeing none, she declared the motion passed unanimously.

7. Elections of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2024-2026

Commissioner Buch shared it had been her pleasure to serve as Chair for the last two years and Vice-Chair the prior two years.

Ms. Wilson said the Executive Committee had voted to forward the recommendation that Sonya Carlson be elected Chair and Greg James be elected Vice-Chair for 2024-2026. They would assume their leadership roles at the February 2024 LCOG Board meeting. Commissioner Buch clarified the vote was for the jurisdiction representative to fill the position, not specific individuals.

Mr. Eyster moved to appoint Sonya Carlson (EWEB) as Chair and Greg James (Willamalane Park and Recreation District) as Vice-Chair of the LCOG Board for 2024-2026. Ms. Duerst-Higgins provided the second. The Chair asked if anyone was opposed to the motion or abstained. Seeing none, she declared the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Buch noted along with the change in leadership, there would be upcoming positions available on the Executive Committee.

8. Employees Association Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) for

Ms. Wilson said the agreement covered non-management employees in the Government Services division, represented by the Employees Association (EA) union. She recognized Government Services Division Manager Michael Wisth's role in the negotiations. Ms. Wilson reviewed the changes negotiated and listed in the agenda item memo in the agenda packet.

Mr. Eyster moved to approve the bargaining agreement between LCOG and the EA. Sonya Carlson provided the second. The Chair asked if anyone was opposed to the motion or abstained. Seeing none, she declared the motion passed unanimously.

WRAP UP

When Commissioner Buch asked if there were suggestions for future LCOG Board meeting agenda topics, Ms. Duerst-Higgins suggested discussing issues surrounding the unhoused. Mr. James raised the topic of recreational immunity.

Chair Buch adjourned the December LCOG Board of Directors meeting at 6:50 p.m.



**Agenda Item Number
6.
Executive Committee Members**

Date: January 25, 2024

Presenter: Brenda Moore

Subject: Executive Committee Members

Action Recommended: Ratify and Elect Executive Committee Members.

Background:

The LCOG Bylaws call for the incoming Chair to appoint up to five Board Members to the Executive Committee to be ratified by the Board. The Board is also responsible for electing two additional members.

The Incoming Chair, Commissioner Sonya Carlson, and Vice-Chair Greg James chose five of the nine jurisdictions to serve on the Executive Committee.

Recommended Actions:

1. Ratify the LCOG Board members representing the jurisdictions chosen by the Chair and Vice Chair as Executive Committee members for 2024.
2. Hold an election for an additional two Executive Committee Members.



**Agenda Item Number
8.
Disability Services Advisory Committee**

Date: January 25, 2024

Presenter: Brenda Moore

Subject: Disability Services Advisory Committee

Action Recommended: Appoint Committee Members.

Background:

The bylaws of the Disability Services Advisory Council allow between 9 and 15 members. A minimum of 50% must be individuals living with a disability. There are 9 returning active Council members, of whom 3 are living with a disability. The Nominating Committee held new applicant interviews on August 30th, 2023. They received 7 applications and interviewed 5 (two withdrew their applications).

Recommendation:

The DSAC recommends LCOG appoint the following individuals five members to the Council for two-year terms. These additions will increase membership to fourteen full members, of which seven who live with a disability.

1. Lynne Schwartz, in her 60s: Lynne has worked in various roles serving people with disabilities which has helped shape her desire to advocate for disability awareness and advocacy for herself and the community. Lynne wants to use her time on this Council to be part of a team that is working to improve conditions in our community for older adults who also experience living with a disability.

2. Ivy Medow, in her 60s: Ivy is a former Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor who has helped people with disabilities find ways to become employable, and then to obtain and maintain jobs in the community. Ivy focuses on the challenges people with disabilities face in getting quality care in their homes, and having accessible homes. Ivy wants to use her time on the Council to make an impact as there is a lot of room for education & advocacy aging in place for those living with a disability.

3. Shengxiao (Alex) Li, in his 30s: Alex is a visiting professor in the School of Planning, Public Policy, and Management at the University of Oregon. His research focuses on age-friendly urban and community planning, with a focus on transportation and housing. He would like to use his time on the Council to help advocate for funding for local agingrelated areas and programs.

4. Sherrie Freund, in her 50s: Sherrie has lived with a disability her whole life which has given her real life experience navigating the systems for care and services. Though the community has made great strides for people with disabilities, Sherrie shared that a lack of awareness for individuals specific disabilities and a one-size-fits-all approach for programs does not continue to work for all. Sherrie would like to use her time on the Council to be a contributing member to society, especially when it comes to disability services.

5. Alison Hunter, in her 40s: Alison has worked in social research in the past in a variety of capacities and projects. She has firsthand experience living with a disability in Eugene and exploring the services and systems with complex medical conditions. She focuses her advocacy on ensuring services are accessible and can easily be navigated. She would like to use her time on the Council to help inform the work of the Council in regards to accessibility and to be of service to the community.

Recommended Action: Appoint these five applicants to the DSAC.