Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
Meeting Agenda
Thursday, October 1, 2026

Mission: *To ensure Oregon schools have access to well trained, effective and accountable education professionals so all students have the opportunity to reach their full potential.*

Vision: *Enhance our ability to deliver our core services, while expanding our contributions to the development of a diverse educator community that meets the evolving needs of Oregon's schools, students and education professionals.*

Values: *The following principles guide and inform fulfillment of our Mission, Vision and daily responsibilities:*

- ***Equity, diversity, and inclusion*** *for every group and individual*
- ***Academic excellence*** *at all levels*
- ***Respect*** *for all people*
- ***Equal access*** *to education and educational opportunities*
- *Professional* ***ethics and integrity***
- *Listening to* ***education professionals and partners***
- *Advocating for* ***education professionals and K-12 students***
- *Promoting* ***safety and welfare*** *of the education community*
- ***Continual growth and development*** *of ourselves and those we serve*
- *A* ***comprehensive approach*** *to education that encompasses the social, emotional, academic, physical, and ethical needs of all students and their communities*

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Topic	Thursday, October 1, 2026, Executive Committee Meeting
Time	4:00 PM
Join Meeting	Virtual / Online
Join Meeting Zoom	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89349704200?pwd=oq4X0u4nemQwbRL8a4z1CWTa16RXhQ.1
Zoom Passcode	635126
Call in and additional information	The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. For questions about accessibility or to request an accommodation, please contact Heidi Reinhardt Heidi.REINHARDT@tspc.oregon.gov **at least 48 hours before the meeting** ORS 192.630((5)(b)**.**

All times listed on the agenda are approximate.

The Commission reserves the right to rearrange the agenda, except for legally

posted hearing times, to conduct Commission business expeditiously and efficiently.

1. **Call to Order**
2. Legislative/Budget Update
   Discussion Item: Legislative/Budget Update
3. Review of the Commission Agenda (Additions/Corrections).
   Discussion Item: Review of the Commission Agenda (Additions/Corrections).
4. Chairperson Election
   Dr. Rae Ette Newman
   The Committee will identify a slate of nominees for Chairperson of the Commission.

5. Vice-Chair Election
   Dr. Rae Ette Newman
   The Committee will identify a slate of nominees for Vice-Chair of the Commission.

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October 16, 2026
Commission Business

ITEM:	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE
ACTION:	**INFORMATION ITEM**
INFORMATION:	The Executive Director will provide an update to the Commission regarding the general work of the agency since the last meeting was held.
Legislative and Budget Update:	September Legislative Days took place September 8-10 and Executive Director Alpert met with 13 legislators – updating them on the work and progress of the agency, sharing priorities, and hearing about the priorities of legislators. Representative Fragala invited TSPC to present to the House Higher Education Committee on September 10th. Director Rhoades and Executive Director Alpert presented the Committee with an update on the implementation of the Early Literacy Standards. Representative Wright invited representatives from three Educator Preparation Programs (EPPs) to present. Dr. Rae Ette Newman, Dr. Susan Gardner, Dr. Jesse Longhurst, and Dr. Rhonda Fritz attended and presented jointly. TSPC greatly appreciated the invitation to present to the Committee and was honored to present alongside, and champion the work of, the EPPs that so beautifully co-presented. TSPC submitted its first-ever hybrid Agency Recommended Budget (ARB) to the Chief Financial Office (CFO) and is excited to see it move forward through the 27-29 budget process. Next, CFO will submit their budget recommendations to the Governor's office. The December Revenue Forecast will be released November 18th. The Governor's Recommended Budget (GRB) is anticipated in the first week of December. December Legislative Days take place December 1-3.
Agency Operations:	The agency successfully moved into its new home within the General Services Building. Executive Director Alpert thanks the staff for their generous flexibility and patience throughout the move. Executive Director Alpert has begun conversations with the Salem Art

Association (SAA) regarding a possible project to procure art for the new space.

The agency has updated its Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) and submitted its Annual Performance Progress Report (APPR). The agency received a substantial response to its Customer Satisfaction Survey, a Key Performance Metric (KPM) included in the APPR, and appreciates the time respondents took to provide feedback. Survey results show that the agency exceeded its 80% target in four areas: Overall Customer Service, Accuracy, Helpfulness, and Expertise. The agency also came close to meeting its 80% target in the areas of Timeliness and Availability of Information, which received scores of 77% and 76%, respectively.

Staffing:

Since the June, 2026, Commission meeting, TSPC has welcomed the following staff:

Ullyssa Althaus, Executive Support Specialist
Phoebe Barker, Investigator
Julie Baustian, Administrative Support

TSPC is currently in the recruitment process for two additional investigators.

Tribal Engagement:

Tribal Cultural Items Training: Executive Director Alpert and Patrick Sieng attended the training facilitated by the Governor's Director of Tribal Affairs. The statewide effort aims to identify all cultural items held within state agencies so tribal members know what exists, where it is located, and how they can access these items if they choose to.

Government to Government Quarterly Education Cluster meeting: Executive Director Alpert and Patrick Sieng attended the meeting hosted by the Coquille tribe along with the agency directors from DELC, HECC, and ODE. Executive Director Alpert extends her thanks to the Coquille Tribe for the invitation to dinner and necklace making the evening before the event.

Attachments: