

OREGON TOURISM COMMISSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

April 2, 2026
Virtual Meeting

Search Subcommittee Commissioners present included: Chair Greg Willitts, Vice Chair Patel, and Commissioners Lucinda DiNovo, Travis Hill, and David Gremmels.

Welcome and Introductions (starts at 0:05 on the [meeting recording](#))

Chair Willitts opens the meeting at 10:00 a.m. and welcomes everyone to the April 2, 2026, Oregon Tourism Commission Executive Director Search Subcommittee virtual meeting and Oregon Tourism Commission Executive Session.

Chair Willitts thanks everyone for joining virtually, noting the agenda can be found on the Travel Oregon Industry website.

Chair Willitts states that in holding a meeting today, all Public Meeting notice requirements required by state law were met.

The members of the Oregon Tourism Commission Executive Director Search Subcommittee introduce themselves: Commissioners DiNovo, Gremmels, Hill, Vice Chair Patel and Chair Willitts.

Department of Justice representative Sylvia Cramond also joins the meeting and introduces herself.

Chair Remarks and Public Comment (starts at 2:55 on the [meeting recording](#))

Chair Willitts acknowledges that the search subcommittee was called to adopt the hiring standards, policy directives, and hiring plan that the full Commission adopted on January 30, 2026.

No public comments were received in advance.

Chair Willitts opens the public comment period for comments on the same hiring standards, policy directives, and hiring plan documents. No public comments are shared.

Search Subcommittee Action (starts at 5:29 on the [meeting recording](#))

Vice Chair Patel shares the hiring standards, policy directives, and hiring plan and asks for any questions.

Vice Chair Patel asks for a motion to approve and adopt the hiring standards, policy directives, and hiring plan.

Commissioner Gremmels moves the motion and Commissioner DiNovo seconds the motion.

A roll call vote is taken given the virtual nature of the meeting:

- Commissioner DiNovo votes in favor.
- Commissioner Gremmels votes in favor.
- Commissioner Hill votes in favor.
- Chair Willitts votes in favor.
- Vice Chair Patel votes in favor.

The motion to approve and adopt the hiring standards, policy directives, and hiring plan is approved.

Chair Willitts adjourns the search subcommittee's public meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Executive Session Introduction (starts at 7:28 on the meeting recording)

Chair Willitts shares that pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(a) and (f), the Commission will meet in Executive Session to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent and to consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection. Only individuals authorized or invited by the Commission will be permitted into the Executive Session. All other members of the audience are asked to exit the Zoom meeting. Representatives of the news media are specifically directed not to report on or otherwise disclose any of the deliberations or anything said about these subjects during the executive session, except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced. No decision or action may be made in executive session. The Executive Session will not be recorded.

The Commissioners move into Executive Session at 10:12 a.m.