Oregon Joint Use Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2026
PacifiCorp Building – Siletz Meeting Room, Portland, Oregon

President Terry Blanc called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. A quorum was present:

Board Members Present:
Terry Blanc, PGE, President
Sam Ackley, Hunter Comm, Past President*
Carson Horton, Clatskanie PUD, Secretary*
Josh Crain, City of Portland, Vice President
Scott Allen, City of Monmouth, Director*
Jason Berning, Canby Utility, Director*
Adam Deshon, Salem Electric, Director*
Gary Lee, Spectrum, Director at Large*
Brian Richardson, Pioneer Connect, Director*
Lisa Walker, PacificCorp, Director

Guests:
Dustin Bohlman, Members Services Committee Chair*
Craig Commerford, Standards Committee Co-chair*
Tom Jorgenson, ICE Committee Co-Chair*
Pete Kalnins, Standards Committee Co-Chair*
Heidie Caswell, OPUC*
Leon Grumbo, OPUC
Crissa Alexander, Tillamook PUD*
Matt Andrus, SmartFume
PJ Armstrong, Minet Fiber
Stephanie Johnson, N Wasco PUD*
Jennifer Joly, OMEU*
Cody Mabee, PacifiCorp*
Paul Paquet, Utilities One*
Wayne Ronke, Woden*
Troy Schake, Varasset*
Jared Wiener, Lumen
Talina Wood, Central Electric Cooperative
Scott Ziska, PGE*

Staff:
Laureal Williams
Abbie Jordan
Genoa Ingram

**Attended via Zoom*

Special Order of Business – Cable Representative Appointment
The Board noted the current vacancy for a cable representative. Jared Wiener, representing Comcast, submitted his resume for consideration. After review and discussion, the Board voted to approve the appointment of Jared.

MOTION: Moved by Josh Crain and seconded by Lisa Walker to approve Jared Wiener to fill the cable representative position on the Board for 2026. **Motion passed**.

Approval of Minutes
The Board Members reviewed the minutes of the December 11, 2025, meeting.

MOTION: Moved by Gary Lee and seconded by Carson Horton to approve the December 11, 2025, minutes as amended to update the attending board member list and correct misspellings. **Motion passed**.

Treasurer's Report
Year-to-Date Financials Josh Crain reviewed the year-to-date financial statements and bank statements through February 2026, noting an updated format for the income statement.

MOTION: Moved by Scott Allen and seconded by Sam Ackley to approve the financial report as presented. **Motion passed**.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee Josh Crain provided an update on the Committee's recent activities, including recruiting members to fill board vacancies, site selection for the 2026 Annual Meeting, considering potential membership incentives, planning for an in-person meeting with OPUC Chair Tawney, and monitoring industry updates. Gary Lee noted that Sean Hensley of Comcast has expressed interest in joining the OJUA Board.

Inspection/Correction Efficiency Committee/Mapping Subcommittee Terry Blanc announced that Cody Mabee has agreed to serve with Tom Jorgenson as co-chair of the ICE Committee. He also noted that the Committee will begin developing some industry best practices for pole testing, pole treating, pole reject criteria as well as other hazard conditions and potential remediation. Terry indicated that the Committee's most recent edition of its best practices manual is available on the website and will be presented at the Spring Training event. Cody noted that the committee is hoping to increase its membership as it continues developing pole test and treat standards. Jared Wiener asked if there might be any consideration to altering the Committee's acronym from ICE given the current politics. Genoa Ingram noted that it has been discussed within the group but no decision has been made at this time.

Member Services and Resolution Committee Dustin Bohlman noted that the Committee will be focusing a lot on communication, specifically noting how to use NJUNS and how to make appropriate contacts should a potential conflict arise. Dustin noted that Lisa Walker is helping to coordinate a "how to" list for NJUNS. Dustin noted that the group is down a member but he has recruited Tyler Wilson from Beacon Broadband to join. Gary Lee asked if it would be appropriate for the Committee to proactively introduce itself to the BEAD awardees who may not be familiar with operating in Oregon. Sam Ackley noted that it might be easier to have that introduction come from the Oregon Broadband Office to the BEAD awardees as a group. Sam agreed to follow up with OBO.

Publicity & Education Committee Cody Mabee provided an update on planning for next month's Spring Training event. He noted that early registration ends March 16 and encouraged all board members to encourage participation. All logistics and programming for the event have been finalized. Staff noted that current registrations are lower than last year at the time.

Standards Committee Pete Kalnins noted that the Committee has been working with the PUC on an addition to Chapter 10 of the Standards Manual relating to the best practices for the removal of idle and abandoned facilities and overlashing procedures. The group also had a lot of discussion relating to the communication worker safety zone and how it applies to decorative lighting plugs or antennas mounted to streetlights. In reviewing the 2028 NESC Manual change proposals, the Committee has discovered four rejected proposals for related exceptions. The Committee continues to update the Manual with new photos, descriptions, and updated text. Additional updates include the development of a chapter on emerging technologies, including car charging stations and drone inspections.

Industry Updates

Pole Removal Jennifer Jolly addressed recent concerns expressed by Lane County Public Works to local utility providers about pole replacements and timely removal of old poles, resulting in unwarranted hazards in the county right of way. Josh Crain noted that a similar issue is occurring in Portland, noting that the City issues permits to participating pole owners which provides some leverage to require timely removal. The Board discussed other similar challenges and options with regard to transfers and delinquent pole removals.

Oregon BEAD Awards Sam Ackley reported that the Oregon Broadband Office is still in the contract negotiation phase with all of the recipients. Work should begin in earnest shortly after those negotiations conclude. Sam noted that OBO has agreed to give the OJUA Spring Training event a "shout out" in its next publication. Sam named the 19 BEAD recipients in Oregon, noting that the full list is available on the OBO website.

New Business

Bylaw Amendment Carson Horton introduced a proposed change to the OJUA's bylaws that would clarify membership requirements for board members. The Board reviewed the proposed amendment to Section 3.2 of the bylaws requiring that board members be employed by or designated as a representative for an organization that is in good standing as a current member of the OJUA.

> **MOTION**: Moved by Josh Crain and seconded by Sam Ackley to approve the proposed bylaw amendment. **Motion passed**.

Board Vacancy – Cable Representative Gary Lee confirmed that he will follow up with Sean Hensley (Comcast) regarding his interest in serving on the Board and will plan to have something for the Executive Committee to consider at its next meeting.

Officer Vacancy Terry Blanc noted that the Treasurer position is currently vacant. Scott Allen indicated that he is interested in filling the vacancy.

> **MOTION**: Moved by Lisa Walker and seconded by Sam Ackley to appoint Scott Allen to serve as Treasurer for the remainder of the 2026 calendar year. **Motion passed**.

Adjournment

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.