

Meeting Minutes

Oregon Public Records Advisory Council

January 22, 2020

1:30 pm

Oregon State Archives Building

800 Summer St NE

Salem, OR 97310

Council Members present:

Les Zaitz, Rob Bovett, Mark Landauer, Scott Winkels, Tony Hernandez, Steve Suo, Emily Harris, Stephanie Clark, Senator Thatcher, and Michael Kron.

Not present: Liz Craig, Shirin Khosravi, and Representative Power

Minutes

Agenda for January 22nd meeting and Minutes from December 17th meeting were approved without objection.

Stephanie Clark stated there would be two opportunities for public comment during the meeting. One regarding Senate Bill 1506 (SB 1506) and one regarding the recruitment for the next advocate.

Stephanie Clark stated she would prepare a letter of support for the bill on behalf of the council. All except Scott Winkels approved the council supporting the language of SB 1506 as written. Scott Winkels voted to not support the language of SB 1506 as written.

Comments regarding SB1506 were accepted from the council and the public.

Stephanie Clark stated she would find a time to schedule a meeting during the short session. The council settled on Thursday, February 6th between 11 am and 1 pm to hold for a telephonic meeting if needed.

Stephanie Clark asked Scott Winkels to briefly describe the amendments and noted that public comment would be accepted after he did so. Scott explained why the League of Oregon Cities was planning to propose specific changes in the bill. Stephanie Clark stated she was opening the public comments from the public.

A member of the public stated she had reached out to 3 different cities and that they were not aware of the language of the amendments and stated they supported the independence of the office.

Ginger McCall stated that the language in the amendment could be interpreted that the council was going to be too limited.

Nick Budnick stated that he had submitted written comments and that they wanted to reiterate their support for the independence of the council.

Alan Kessler stated the cities should have an interest in transparency.

Jordan Orr stated that she supports the independence of the office to help with transparency. Stephanie Clark stated that the public comment for this topic was now closed.

Next agenda item was an update from Michael Kron regarding the ability of the council to discuss any business other than the recruitment. The council decided to accept the recommendation that they proceed with other business, while acting in good faith to hire an advocate as soon as practicable.

Stephanie Clark stated she needs the council to think about a timeline for recruitment of the new Public Record Advisor. After some discussion, without objection, the council selected March 9th as the recruitment posting date, per Stephanie Clark's recommendation.

Without objection, the council moved to meet April 15th to review applications for the advocate position.

Without objection, the council moved to meet April 29th to conduct interviews for the advocate position.

Without objection, the council moved to approve the recruitment position as it was written.

The council discussed keeping the interviews transparent in the spirit of the PRAC's underlying mission and voted to hold interviews without invoking executive session.

The council discussed methods for rating the applicants and moved to use points to rate the applicants, without objection and per Stephanie Clark's recommendation.

The council discussed the list of questions provided by Stephanie Clark and, without objection, voted that Stephanie Clark would narrow down the list of questions to ask the candidates.

Stephanie Clark opened up the public comment for the recruitment process. Kris Stenson read comments Christian Wolff from the gotomeeting chat box regarding the recruitment process.

The council discussed the subcommittees and wanting to have the permanent record's advocate involvement in this. The council moved to create a training and education subcommittee, without objection.

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.