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**OTHER ATTENDEES**

X	Morgan Gratz Weiser	X	Maya Crawford Peacock	X	Sara Taylor
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X	Taylor Smiley Wolfe	X	Karin Power	X	April Rohman

Topic/Lead	Notes/Main Points	Decisions/ Action Items
Welcome and Introductions		
Update on New Director	Great news! We have selected our new Director! We will notify the RJC prior to making a public announcement.	
Current Legislative Session Update	<p>We're in the middle of the 35-day Short Session.</p> <p>The biggest priority in the Governor's office is the Housing Production Bill. It's a strong bill with a menu of items. We will be working on adding more money toward those bills to assist even more with housing.</p> <p>Other priorities: shelter, summer learning, climate.</p> <p>Bill 1561 is a settlement bill that focuses on environmental restoration. Received feedback regarding conservation to create a structure. This bill assists in setting up an Environmental Restoration Council with 13 governor appointed members who will help figure out distribution processes. It's a long term 50-year investment with carefully constructed processes to handle budget adequately.</p>	

Another large item this Session is Measure 110. If there are changes, they will be focused on outcomes and be comprehensive, making sure we have the capacity to serve people.

Question: Who is eligible to apply for the settlement bill resources?  
 -It's set up with parameters. We're hoping for partnership with the community to identify what projects are appropriate across the state. Specifically focuses on environmental contamination.

Question: Is there data on how contamination has affected vulnerable populations in the state of Oregon?  
 -We have multiple agencies gathering multiple types of data. One example: contamination in rivers affects fish and the community that eats that fish.

Should we have a future conversation about p-fast money?

State Resilience and Emergency Response (Jonna Papaefthimiou)

Race and disaster are connected. Communities of color are disproportionately impacted, insurance payouts are lower, and recovery is longer.

Question: Why don't the emergency signals come over streaming platforms?  
 -It should! However, the system was designed when everyone listened to the radio or watched Broadcast TV.

Comment: There is an existing infrastructure, Everbridge, that we can build on to help get information out.

Question: How well are the different agencies connected when emergencies happen?  
 -We're doing better but still fumbling through it. ODHS is doing very well at helping people navigate from beginning to end.

Question: Is there funding to help add emergency preparedness trainings in other languages?  
 -The Portland Emergency Response Team has multiple teams in English, Spanish, and Tibetan. They are working on adding Chinese and Vietnamese teams as well. We hope to get more support to share this knowledge in other languages and with smaller communities.

Question: What lessons learned from the pandemic did the

state resilience/emergency management response team gain?  
 Strategies? Planning?  
 -The pandemic highlighted so many inequities.  
 -Takeaways: we need better connection between state agencies, there was a lack of integration, needs were not met, details fell through the cracks. We must change culturally as a state to work differently.  
 Jonna will send out the report\*\*

Suggestion: The National Guard is very diverse. They are based in a lot of our communities. Can they provide emergency response training?

RJC Operations  
 (Maya Crawford Peacock)

These appointment changes allow for alignment, clearer process, more accurate tracking, and better support.

1. RJC (re)appointment process in WorkDay  
 Applicants will submit: Application, question response, short personal bio, resume, cover letter, and get background checks.

Question: What trainings are required?  
 -There are virtual trainings on Government ethics and public meetings.

Question: Aren't background checks racially problematic? How do those help us have a better advisory council? Why would someone apply knowing the Governor and everyone else is aware of their background?  
 -We don't want background checks to be a turn-off to apply. The reason we do them is for alignment. Boards and commissions deal with potentially confidential information. Just because something comes up on a background check doesn't mean they won't be appointed or make them ineligible to serve.

Comment: The spirit of the group is to supply a robust and diverse group. We don't handle confidential information, so background checks aren't necessary. The application process is also a barrier to certain populations.

Comment: Lived experience is a result of people's backgrounds, which is just what we want for our council and committees.

Comment: Not allowing elected officials on our council penalizes those that worked so hard to get there.  
 NOTE: One RJC member noted they are an elected official and wouldn't be able to participate if adopted.

2. Cadence of RJC and Committee Meetings

- Decrease meetings to every other month. Council meets on the months when Committees do not.

Feedback is welcome!  
 We would like to have a consensus in March to put into practice.

Suggestions to add:

- "Special workgroups can convene when needed".
- Define committee vs. council, specify their goals and role and expectations.

Comment: I've never seen agencies and departments so focused on DEI before. Let's pat ourselves on the back for that!

Closing

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