MINUTES

NORTHWEST OREGON WORKS CONSORTIUM BOARD MEETING

March 31, 2026

Zoom

Consortium Present:
Pamela Wev, Clatsop County Commissioner; **Casey Garrett**, Columbia County Commissioner; **Gabe Shepherd,** Benton County Commissioner; **Paul Fournier**, Tillamook County Commissioner

Consortium Excused:
Casey Miller, Lincoln County Commissioner;

Staff Present:
Heather DeSart, Executive Director; **Brittney Lane**, Executive Assistant; **Niki Price,** Program Director;

1. **CALL TO ORDER, CONFIRMATION OF POSTING, and ROLL CALL**
   Chair Wev called the Meeting to order at 1:10pm.
   Chair Wev asked for confirmation of the public posting of the meeting; Ms. Lane confirmed; Roll Call taken, quorum was established.

2. **REVIEW and APPROVE AGENDA**
   Agenda required zero modifications.
   First: Casey Garret **SECOND: Gabe Shepherd** **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION**
   No public comment was made, no public was present.

4. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
   - Accept Staff's recommendation to approve the Minutes of the October 24, 2025 Joint Board and Consortium Meeting.

   MOTION: Paul Fournier **SECOND: Gabe Shepherd** **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. **DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION: CONSORTIUM BOARD**

   Accept Staff's recommendation to appoint the following (two) NOW Board Members – The terms of these Board Members will be March 31, 2026 thru April 1, 2029.

   - Corey Habiger – OED Representative – Oregon Employment Department
   - Remington Augustine – Business Representative – WCT Marine

   After a discussion about each of these nominees, both had the chance to introduce themselves and give a short summary of the work that they do and why they are interested in joining the Northwest Oregon Works Board of Directors. None of the Commissioners expressed any hesitation in appointing either of the candidates. After the introductions, both members were appointed unanimously.

   MOTION: Gabe Shepherd SECOND: Paul Fournier MOTION CARRIED.

6. **CHIEF LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORT** – Pamela Wev, Commissioner

   Commissioner Wev talked about a Tour of Astoria and talked about how Clatsop County has expanded and grown and how much she would encourage her fellow Commissioners to see the expansion and new developments happening.

7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OFFICIAL REPORT** – Heather DeSart, Executive Director

   Heather introduced Niki Price, NOW's new Program Director and Niki spoke for a few minutes on her work history, how starting at NOW has been going, and her excitement to continue learning and be a part of the Workforce Development team.

8. **CONSORTIUM MEMBER COMMENTS** – Roundtable

   No comments were made.

9. **SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION**

   Please clearly state your name and address for the record. Each public comment will be limited to three (3) minutes at the Chair's discretion.

   No comments were made, as no public was in attendance.

10. **ADJOURN**

    Commissioner Wev adjourned the meeting at 1:21pm.

    The meeting was concluded, and the zoom call was closed and ended.