

# Full Council Meeting

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February 16, 2021

Virtual Meeting Only

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## Attendance

**Members Present:** Chair Jenn Lynch, Portland Seed Fund; Peter Barr-Gillespie, OHSU; Bill Berg, City of Beaverton; Piper Crowell, Nike; Chris Cummings, Business Oregon; Corey Frazier, Intel; Juanita Kurtin, OSRAM; Kalpana Merchant; Nagfi Naganathan, Oregon Institute of Technology; Soundharya Nagasubramanian, Hillrom; Chad Olney, Pacific Crest Federal Credit Union; Tobias Read, Oregon State Treasurer; Brent Wilder, Oregon Alliance of Independent Colleges and Universities; Rep. Gomberg (ex officio)

**Staff Present:** Kate Sinner, Jordana Barclay, Nick Batz, Mark Brady, David Sell

**Guests:** Heather Ellis, OTRADI; Skip Rung, ONAMI; David Kenney, VertueLab; Joe Janda, PSU; Meredith Coba; Bruce Daucsavage, Ochoco Lumber; Donald Hendrickson; Sophorn Cheang, Business Oregon; Sam Tannahill, A to Z Wine Works; Jonathon Dworin, TEconomy; Irem Tumer; OSU; Carol Dahl, Lemelson Foundation; Julie Harrelson, Cascade Seed Fund; Deborah Cummings; Don Krahmer Jr, Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt; Tina Guldberg, UO; Hazel Valdez, OTRADI; Shannon Tammy, City of Fairview; Alicia LeDuc, Davis Wright Tremaine; Marcelino Alvarez, Fresh Consulting; Rita Hansen, Onboard Dynamics; Cass Moseley, UO; Mitch Daugherty, Built Oregon; Juan Barraza, Portland State Business Accelerator; Paula Hayes, Hue Noir; Su Embree, DHM Research; Duncan Wyse, Oregon Business Council; Jennifer Damiani, Oregon RAIN; Skip Newberry, Technology Association of Oregon; Rachel Jagoda Brunette, The Lemelson Foundation; Avery Pickard, OEDA; Chuck Williams, UO; Matt Abrams, Seven Peak Ventures; Rachael Maddock-Hughes, Sequoia Consulting; Jessica Gomez, Rogue Valley Microdevices; Caroline Cummings, Oregon Rain; Ellie Boggs, OHSU; Mark Ronay, Liquid Wire; John Harkness, Rewire Neuro, Inc.

## Welcome, Introductions & Minutes

Chair Jenn Lynch began meeting at 1:01pm. Chair Lynch asked for comments on the October meetings minutes. There were no comments or changes to the minutes, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Chair Lynch motioned to approve the Oregon Innovation Council resolution to delegate contracting authority to the Oregon Business Development Department, Tobias Read seconded, no opposed, resolution passed. Business Oregon's Interim Director Chris Cummings abstained from the vote given his role at the agency.

Chair Lynch introduced Sophorn Cheang, the incoming Business Oregon Director. Sophorn introduced herself to the Council and talked about her background and excitement to engage in the Council's work.

## **Innovation Plan Overview**

Chair Lynch introduced the Innovation Plan as a data-driven strategy with an extensive engagement process led by the Futures Commission. They highlighted the members of the Futures Commission, the background on the approach and the consultant that helped produce the plan. Considerable individual and group outreach efforts allowed opportunities for individuals from across the state to provide input. Futures Commission member Julie Harrelson then explained the group's vision statement and how it considered related but separate efforts that were important to the ultimate success of the plan. She also highlighted the key outcomes that would result if plan implementation were successful. Next, Future Commission members and the consultant walked the group through the four strategies and the ten actions that were included in the plan. Chair Lynch closed this portion of the meeting with a discussion of how the plan document was now complete but that the Futures Commission was handing the plan over to the Council for implementation.

## **Setting the Stage for Implementation**

Kate Sinner discussed the next steps on implementation of the Innovation Plan. She discussed how the actions had been grouped by priority and level of effort so that the actions could be spread out and implemented based on available resources. Kate discussed the current status of the Oregon InC budget in the Governor's budget and the Legislature. Finally, she informed the Council that a major activity at the next meeting would be to discuss how to allocate the available funding across Oregon InC's programs. Nick Batz gave an overview of the current status of the Legislative session. He highlighted the agency's hearing before the Joint Ways & Means committee and talked about how work was being done to set up formal committee hearings on the Innovation Plan as well as individual meetings with Legislators to educate them on the work of the Futures Commission and the resultant plan.

## **Portfolio Company Updates**

John Harkness with ReWire Neuro gave overview of the company, its artificial intelligence, how it can be used in the medical field and the stages of the company's development.

Mark Ronay with Liquid Wire gave overview of the company, their flexible hybrid electronics and circuitry, and the progresses and challenges of the business.

## **Public Comment & Adjourn**

Chair Lynch asked for public comments. There were no comments so Chair Lynch adjourned the meeting at 3:36pm.

**Approved by:**

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Jenn Lynch, Chair  
Oregon Innovation Council

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Business Oregon

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