



MEMORANDUM

To: Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners
From: Tonia Holowetzki, Director, Public & Government Affairs
RE: State Senate District 26 Vacancy Appointment
Date: October 7, 2025

REQUEST: Board review of a proposed plan for hosting the meeting to appoint a new District 26 state senator.

BACKGROUND: Senator Daniel Bonham of Senate District 26 (SD 26) filed his vacancy with the Oregon Secretary of State, effective October 5, initiating a 30-day window by which a replacement to that seat must be named. By state law, the vacancy must be filled no later than November 4, 2025.

Chair Roberts has been selected by the Secretary of State to chair the appointment meeting, which will include the other three counties within SD 26: Hood River, Multnomah, and Wasco.

It is the responsibility of the precinct committee persons (PCPs) of the Oregon Republican Party to select no less than three nominees for consideration by the counties. The PCPs must decide the nominees for consideration no later than October 27.

PGA recommends the following plan:

- PGA will coordinate with BCC/Admin staff and the other counties to determine an acceptable meeting date accommodating all participating counties.
- PGA will support the BCC team in the development of a script and coordinate between the counties on preferred questions and question format for interviewing the selected candidates.
- PGA recommends the meeting be virtual to accommodate schedules and to avoid travel across the expansive district.

RECOMMENDATION: PGA seeks feedback from the Board on the SD 26 vacancy appointment meeting plan as proposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Tonia Holowetzki, Director, Public & Government Affairs