

**Columbia River Gorge Commission Rules Committee
Meeting Summary
August 27, 2025, 10:30 am via Zoom**

Attendance: Commissioners Valerie Fowler, Robert Liberty, Rodger Nichols
Absent: Commissioners Laura Brennan-Bissell, Pah-tu Pitt

Staff Present: Jeff Litwak, Counsel

Public Attendees: Kelly Howsley-Glover, Lynn Burditt

Review Summary of August 18, 2025 Meeting

The Rules Committee approved the meeting summary of the August 18, 2025 committee meeting.

Discussion of Questions Draft Division 14 Rules

The Rules Committee discussed the questions that the Committee had about Division 14 – see summary of August 18, 2025 Rules Committee meeting for the questions, and the organizing discussion document for longer responses.

Commissioner Liberty recommended that the rules should require disclosure of campaign contributions received by a commissioner who had previously run for elected office because they could affect how a commissioner approaches their work. Jeff stated that he could add text to rule in which a commissioner would need to consider whether significant campaign contributions should be disclosed for the final draft rules to show to the full Commission.

Commissioner Liberty recommended that the rules should include non-profit organizations and other organizations that are not nonprofit in the definition of “business.” This would be more restrictive than the states’ laws. Jeff stated that he could make this change for the final draft rules to show to the full Commission.

Discussion of Draft Division 11 Rules

Jeff Litwak presented the draft division 11 rules governing open public meetings. The Rules Committee did not recommend any changes to the draft rules.

Public Comment

There were no questions or comments from the public that attended this meeting.

Follow Up

The Rules Committee asked Jeff to discuss the two remaining divisions—division 12 (public records disclosure) and division 16 (administrative procedure) at the next meeting.

The meeting ended at approximately 11:30 am.