



Eastern Oregon Border Region Economic Development Board

August 21, 2025

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Attendance

Members Present: Andrew Maeda, Nickie Shira, Taylor Rembowski, Cheri Hung

Staff Present: Shawna Peterson, Executive Director; Emily Conlon, Board Coordinator

Guests Present: Marc Berg, Community Member

Welcome, Introductions, Minute Approval

Chair Maeda opened the meeting and board members and guests made introductions.

Public Comment

None.

Rural Roots Leadership Academy Discussion

Executive Director Peterson discussed adding a stipend of \$1,000 per participant of Cohort 1 of Rural Roots Leadership Academy. Peterson also discussed holding an informational luncheon for prospective participants. The board discussed the current program timeline and session dates, as well as details of the proposed luncheon. Nickie Shira made a motion to approve a stipend of \$1,000 per participant and to host an informational luncheon with a virtual option up to \$1,000. Taylor Rembowski seconded the motion and all present board members voted in favor.

Next Meeting / Agenda

The next meeting will be September 8, 2025, location to be determined. Agenda items will include a Fiscal Report from Oregon Community Foundation, and Executive Director update, and continued discussion on programming.

Meeting closed at 1:21pm.

Approved by: Andrew Maeda _____ Date _____
Andrew Maeda, Board Chair
Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Board