



Social Equity and Racial Justice Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

ASHLAND SOCIAL EQUITY AND RACIAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, September 3, 2026

4:30-6:00 pm - Siskiyou Room - 51 Winburn Way

<https://zoom.us/j/99175449292>

I. Call to Order

1. Land Acknowledgment - We acknowledge and honor the aboriginal people on whose ancestral homelands we work- the Iikrakutsum Band of the Shasta Nation, as well as the diverse and vibrant Native communities who make their home here today. We denounce the egregious acts of the colonizers and government and recognize the horrific impacts that still exist today. We honor the first stewards in the Rogue Valley and the lands we love and depend on: Tribes with ancestral lands in and surrounding the geography of the Ashland Watershed include the original past, present and future indigenous inhabitants of the Shasta, Takelma and Athabaskan people. We also recognize and acknowledge the Shasta village of K'wakhakha - "Where the Crow Lights" - that is now the Ashland City Plaza.
2. Labor Acknowledgment - We also pause to recognize and acknowledge the labor upon which our country, state, and institutions are built. We remember that our country is built on the labor of enslaved people who were kidnapped and brought to the U.S. from the African continent and recognize the continued contribution of their survivors. We also acknowledge all immigrant labor, including voluntary, involuntary, trafficked, forced, and undocumented peoples who contributed to the building of the country and continue to serve within our labor force. We acknowledge all unpaid care-giving labor. To the people who contributed this immeasurable work and their descendants, we acknowledge their indelible mark on the space in which we gather today. It is our collective responsibility to critically examine these histories, to repair harm, and to honor, protect, and sustain their contribution to our society.

II. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of minutes from the meeting on 8.13.2026

III. Public Forum

IV. Unfinished Business

1. Invitation to participate in OSF's September 11 event
2. Discussion: ICE concerns and training proposal
3. Belonging Survey Analysis— Communications section
4. Tabling at HHSAC's Community Resource Fair

V. Liaison Updates and Reports

1. Update from current liaison assignments:
Greenspan – Planning Commission
Tyler – Transportation Advisory Committee
Simon – Public Arts Advisory Committee
Mendel – Housing and Human Services Advisory Committee (Polanco to report on Mendel's behalf)
Smith -- Parks
Polanco - Climate and Energy Policy Advisory Committee
CoCoConvo - (Smith to report on Mendel's behalf)

VI. New Business



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VII. Ongoing or Future Items for Consideration

1. ELEA Working Group
2. Equitable Housing Plan Working Group

VIII. Announcements and Events

1. **Back to School Community Resource Fair**
3:30-5:30pm
Wednesday, September 9, 2026
Bellview Grange - 1050 Tolman Creek Road
[More information here](#)
2. **9/11 Project - Oregon Shakespeare Festival**
3:30-5:00pm
September 11, 2026
Green Show Stage
[More information here](#)

IX. Adjournment

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