



OREGON LAW COMMISSION

Meeting Date: April 18, 2025 (10 am)
Location: Zoom
Attendees: Valerie Sasaki, Christa Obold Eshleman, Dean John Parry, Rep. Kim Wallan, Professor Kristen Bell
Absent: Justice Rebecca Duncan, Chief Judge Erin Lagesen, Senior Judge Mary Merten James, Cody Hoesly, Rep. Jason Kropf, Sen. Floyd Prozanski, Dean Jeffrey Dobbins, Lisa Udland, John DiLorenzo
Staff: Thomas Grossman, (Amy Zubko, absent)
Guests: Matt Shields (OSB), Kris Kolta (LPRO)

1. Welcome

The meeting opened with the announcement from Valerie Sasaki that Amy Zubko was out on unexpected medical leave and would not attend the meeting. In addition, Chair Sasaki shared that there were a number of last-minute cancellations and that there was not a quorum for the meeting today. As a result, this meeting became an informational meeting.

2. Commission Membership

Chair Sasaki shared that Dean John Perry from Lewis and Clark Law School would be stepping down from the Commission and shared her thanks for the work that Commission Perry had done as a commissioner. Commissioner Perry shared that he would follow-up internally at Lewis and Clark to determine a replacement.

At the end of the meeting, Chair Sasaki shared with the Commission that P.K. Runkles Pearson, the Governor's Appointee to the Commission, had shared her intention to step down from the Commission as well.

3. Minutes

Since there was not a quorum, the January 10, 2025 minutes were not approved. Chair Sasaki requested any feedback on the minutes to be sent to her or Amy Zubko before the next scheduled Commission meeting.

4. 2025 Legislative Session

Chair Sasaki provided a brief update on the two Oregon Law Commission bills submitted during the 2025 Legislative Session.

Christa Obold Eshleman, one of the co-chairs of the Municipal and Justice Court Appeals Process workgroup, updated the Commission on the status of HB 2460. The bill passed

the House before the First Chamber deadline and the Senate Judiciary Committee held a public hearing on HB 2460 earlier that week.

Chair Sasaki shared that SB 164, the LLC Act, had passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Due to a Fiscal Impact Statement from the Secretary of State, the bill had been sent to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. Chair Sasaki shared that there had been an amendment in the Senate based on feedback from the Oregon Trial Lawyers Association, Oregon Business and Industry and the Uniform Law Commission. The amendment removed Section 12. Rep. Kim Wallan encouraged those working on SB 164 to reach out to legislators to advocate for a hearing for the bill in the Ways and Means Committee.

5. Active and Proposed Projects

Electronic Wills Update. Chair Sasaki reported that the first meeting of the workgroup was scheduled for the end of April.

Partition of Heirs Property and Potential Concepts. Because there was not a quorum, the Commission did not discuss the Partition of Heirs Property or future potential concepts.

At the end of the meeting, Professor Kristen Bell raised a question about a potential criminal workgroup. Commissioner Bell and Chair Sasaki indicated they would follow-up after the full meeting to talk in more detail.

6. Financials

Chair Sasaki shared an overview of the budget, but a substantive discussion was pushed back to the next OLC meeting. Topics touched on briefly included OLC student staff and fellows, a part time administrative assistant, travel outside the I5 corridor, and an increase in OPE.

7. Workplan

Because there was not a quorum, the Commission did not discuss the Workplan.

8. For the Good of the Order