



## JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON CONDUCT

### Committee Rules

81st Legislative Assembly  
2021-2022 Interim

The committee will operate in accordance with the Oregon Constitution; House and Senate Rules; custom, usage and precedents; Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure; and applicable statutory provisions.

1. **Officers.** Pursuant to ORS 173.900 and HCR 28 (2021), members of the Joint Committee shall include members of the House Committee on Conduct appointed by the House and members of the Senate Committee on Conduct appointed by the Senate. The officers of the Joint Committee shall include the co-chairs from each chamber appointed by the appointing authority.
2. **Quorum.** A majority of the members appointed to the committee from the House of Representatives and a majority of the members appointed to the committee from the Senate shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of a quorum, a co-chair may assign one or more members to receive testimony. A roll call shall determine the attendance of members, wherein they shall state their name and if they are attending by audio or video means when meeting remotely.
3. **Meetings.** The co-chairs shall call meetings, set agendas and cause notice of the time and place of committee meetings in accordance with House and Senate Rules. In the event of a conflict, the more generous public notice provisions apply. The notice shall specify the type of meeting and, if applicable, whether testimony will be taken. Meetings shall be open to the public.
4. **Recording.** Meetings of the committee shall be recorded. The audio records shall be indexed and shall be submitted to the Oregon Archivist in accordance with Oregon law.
5. **Committee Action.** The affirmative vote of a majority of the appointed members of each chamber of the Joint Committee is required to approve recommendations or introduce a measure for pre-session filing.
6. **Measure Introduction.** Measures introduced by the committee at the request of any organization or person shall indicate the legislator, individual or organization interested in the measure by stating that the measure is introduced by the committee "at the request of [the legislator, individual or organization]."

7. **Off-site Meetings.** Any committee meeting held outside the Capitol shall adhere to the same notice provisions as a regular meeting. Recordings shall be made in the same manner as a regular meeting unless the use of recording equipment is not practicable. At a minimum, written minutes must be kept noting attendance and any subject matter discussed. A recording of the meeting and recording log must be made if any public hearing or work session is held. Meetings shall be open to the public.
8. **Field Trips.** A written summary of the committee's activities may be prepared in lieu of a recording of a meeting when the committee conducts a tour, inspection, or other similar activity outside the Capitol; provided, however, that a recording of the meeting and recording log must be made if any public hearing or work session is held. If a written summary is prepared, it shall be made available to the public within a reasonable time after the meeting.
9. **Amending the Rules.** Committee rules may be amended by the affirmative vote of the majority of the appointed House members of the committee and an affirmative vote of the majority of the appointed Senate members of the committee, but at least one day's notice shall be provided to each committee member and the Chief Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate.
10. **Suspending the Rules.** These rules may be suspended temporarily by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the appointed members from the House and two-thirds (2/3) of the appointed members from the Senate.

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