

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY MEETING MINUTES
August 19, 2025

1. At 9:00 a.m., Commissioner Pope declared the Tuesday meeting of the Polk County Board of Commissioners in session and led the Board and attending audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Mordhorst was present and Commissioner Gordon was absent.

2. COMMENTS (for items not on this agenda):

None.

3. AGENDA: **COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER POPE
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA**

**BOTH VOTED YES.
MOTION PASSED BY VOTE OF THE QUORUM.**

4. MINUTES: **COMMISSIONER MORDHORST MOVED, COMMISSIONER GORDON
SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF August 12, 2025**

**BOTH VOTED YES.
MOTION PASSED BY VOTE OF THE QUORUM.**

5. SEDCOR UPDATE:

Alex Paraskevas & Erik Andersson, SEDCOR, were both present to give an update to the Board. Mr. Paraskevas went over a slide show presentation that showcased business retention, expansion, & targeting recruitment, Housing Summit (April 2025), innovation & entrepreneurship, events and trends. Mr. Andersson went over an agreement between Yamasa and the Oregon Wheat League. He stated that they made the connection with Yamasa and Rep. Anna Scharf was able to present on behalf of the Oregon Wheat League. Next, Mr. Andersson talked about Freres Engineered Wood and Project Gridline/Data Centers. Mr. Paraskevas shared the success from Crystal Creek Dairy Service, also known as, Dreamies Creamery and how they just opened up their second location in Downtown Salem. Mr. Andersson went over a process they have started to gain more workforce housing and talked about how they are working towards that goal. Mr. Andersson talked about industrial lands and Commissioner Pope wanted to talk about a property here in Dallas that is about 65 acres. Commissioner Pope asked if there is any real sense that people are looking at this property and Mr. Andersson said that there are two offers on the Forest River site, but he is not sure about Marquee. Commissioner Mordhorst asked them to talk about the McGilcrest Road project and Mr. Andersson responded to his request. Mr. Paraskevas talked about AgLaunch Field trials and explained why they are passionate about their work model. Commissioner Pope wanted to make sure that SEDCOR plans to meet with the new NWREC Director and Mr. Paraskevas said they are meeting in 2 weeks. Commissioner Pope said it can't happen soon enough and shared how he would like to see them work together. Commissioner Mordhorst shared how impressed he was with that new director as well. Commissioner Mordhorst asked them to talk about the impacts or retention issues that they have seen with the tax increases in Oregon and Mr. Andersson answered his question. Mr. Paraskevas went over upcoming events and he names which events he would love to see the Commissioners attend.

6. NON-LISTED ITEMS - (Pursuant to ORS 192.640, the Board of Commissioners considered the below identified non-listed items.)

None.

Commissioner Pope adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Minutes: Nicole Pineda
Approved: August 26, 2025