

IBEW's Grail to chair Energy Facility Siting Council

Marcy Grail, assistant business manager of IBEW Local 125, has been appointed chair of the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council for the 2021 calendar year. Grail has served on the council since 2016.



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The seven-member Energy Facility Siting Council, appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Oregon Senate, has regulatory and siting responsibility for large electric generating facilities, high voltage transmission lines, gas pipelines, and radioactive waste disposal sites. Oversight of energy facilities helps ensure that Oregon has an adequate energy supply while protecting the environment and public safety.

Oregon Department of Energy employees serve as staff members for the council.

Grail, 47, was first appointed to the council in September 2016 by Gov. Kate Brown. She was re-appointed in July 2018. Her term expires in June 2022.

Grail is a native of West Virginia. She holds a degree in communications from North Carolina State University and a master of arts in organization management from the University of Phoenix.

Grail went to work for Local 125 as an organizer in 2006. Shortly after that she was hired as a business representative. In 2013 she was appointed assistant business manager. Grail lives in Rainier, Oregon.

Energy Facility Siting Council meetings are open to the public. For more information, go to oregon.gov/energy/Pages/index.aspx.

Building trades' Camarillo named to I-5 Bridge advisory group

Robert Camarillo, executive secretary of the Oregon State Building Trades Council, has been named to the 32-member Interstate Bridge Replacement Community Advisory Group (CAG). The bi-state group will develop recommendations for replacing the aging I-5 bridge that spans the Columbia River between Portland, Oregon, and Vancouver, Washington. Governors and legislative leaders in both states directed their respective Transportation Departments to launch the program to lead the work.

A previous version of the bridge project was derailed in 2013 after the State of Washington failed to approve its share of the funding. Planning for the bridge replacement—then

known as the Columbia River Crossing—had been ongoing for more than a decade, with nearly \$200 million spent. Oregon tried to piece together a scaled down version, but that fizzled in 2014.

The newly created advisory group will be led by two co-chairs, one representing each state, who will also serve on an executive steering group comprised of public officials from both states. There will also be a 30-member Equity Advisory Group. Selection for that committee is still under way.

CAG, the advisory group Camarillo serves on, includes representatives of stakeholder



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groups as well as at-large community members selected through a public application process.

Camarillo, 44, has led the Oregon Building Trades Council since May 2018. A member of Iron Workers Local 29, he previously worked as an organizer for the Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Iron Workers, and has served as a business agent, vice president, and president of Local 29.

The two advisory groups and executive steering group will meet monthly. The first meetings were held Jan. 25 and Jan. 27. All meetings will be held via Zoom to follow the states'

physical distancing guidelines for slowing the spread of COVID-19.

Ten virtual public meetings and events are slated for February, including a two-week online open house starting Feb. 16. The **Executive Steering Group** will meet 1-3 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 17. The **Community Advisory Group** will meet 4-6 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 10, and 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24. And **community briefings** are slated 5:30-6:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 18; noon-1 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 23; 5:30-6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 23 (Spanish-language only); and 6-7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 25. Details for the open house will be available at interstate-bridge.org beginning Feb. 16.



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