

OPS RAC Preparation Guide

Thank you for agreeing to serve on the 2026 Oregon Psilocybin Services (OPS) Rules Advisory Committee (RAC). This document has more information about how you can prepare for the RAC meetings and make the most of your participation.

PURPOSE

The purpose of a RAC is for OPS to receive input on draft rules before they are shared more broadly for public comment and then final adoption. RACs also discuss the fiscal impact of rules, as well as impact on racial equity. RACs are a forum for the Oregon Psilocybin Services section to receive feedback. They are not a forum for making decisions.

RACs are comprised of individuals who have subject matter expertise, lived experience, and who are likely to be affected by the proposed rules. Each RAC member will bring different opinions and viewpoints, and we want to hear from YOU!

UNDERSTANDING STATUTE AND RULES

Administrative rules help to effectively implement laws and ensure laws are applied consistently and clearly. The laws related to psilocybin regulation are codified in [Oregon Revised Statute \(ORS\) Chapter 475A](#). All rules that the RACs discuss must be within the scope of ORS 475A and cannot conflict with statute. OPS does not have the authority to amend statute (ORS 475A). Making any changes to a statute requires a legislative process.

OPS is convening two RACs this summer to discuss: (1) Training and Facilitation, and (2) Products and Premises. Each RAC will discuss different draft rules. The drafts contain only those rules that are being considered for amendment or adoption. If a rule is not included in the draft, we will not be able to discuss changes to that rule unless they are directly related to a change included in the draft. Please review the drafts and be prepared to share feedback on the specific rules you are provided. The entirety of current psilocybin administrative rules can always be found in [Oregon Administrative Rules \(OAR\) Chapter 333-333](#).

PREPARING FOR THE FIRST MEETING

Please review the draft rules assigned to your RAC in advance of the meeting. We will discuss the draft rules in the order they appear in the document, starting at the top and working our way through the rules chronologically. Existing rule language is in black text, while new and proposed rule changes are in blue text.

For each rule section, we will offer a short framing statement to describe the rule and then ask for any feedback you may have. We suggest making a note of any proposed rules or rule changes that you would like to discuss. Try to be specific with your recommendations. You can even propose specific language for how you would suggest improving a draft rule.

We may not have time to hear from everyone on every rule. If you have a lot of suggestions, it will be important to prioritize your comments so that we can hear from all RAC members. Preparing in advance can help keep comments concise.

All RAC members are also invited to provide additional comments during the public comment period in September, when the next version of proposed rules will be published for public comment.

MEETING PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

RAC meetings are public meetings. Although meetings are open for the public to attend, we do not take public comment. Only RAC members will participate in the discussion. All RAC meetings will be recorded and posted on our [Administrative Rules webpage](#).

During the meeting, we encourage you to remain on camera. However, we ask that you go off camera if your on-screen activities may cause distractions. If you are not speaking, we ask that you remain on mute. When you have a comment to make, please use Zoom's "raise hand" function and we will call on you in the order hands are raised.

We welcome different perspectives and RAC members may not always agree with each other. Please remain respectful if you are expressing a critical comment or opposing viewpoint.

Please do not deliberate with other RAC members outside of the RAC meetings. If you have a document you would like to share with other RAC members, please send it to OPS staff to distribute in advance of the meeting.

If you have any accessibility requests, please email the OPS team so that we can work to accommodate your request.

QUESTIONS, REQUESTS?

If you have any questions or requests related to the RAC meeting process or logistics, please contact: oha.psilocybin@oha.oregon.gov .

If you have questions related to specific content in the draft rules, please save those questions for the RAC meeting so that all RAC members can be a part of the discussion. Thank you!

2026 RULEMAKING SCHEDULE

- RAC Meetings: July 6, 7 and 9, 2026
- Written Public Comment Period: September 1 – September 22, 2026
- Public Hearings: September 15 and September 16, 2026
- Proposed adoption date: October 26, 2026
- Proposed effective date: January 1, 2027

MORE INFORMATION ON OPS RULEMAKING PRACTICES

OPS follows the highest standards for administrative rulemaking, which includes robust public engagement to support transparency, accountability and trust.

In addition to receiving recommendations from the Oregon Psilocybin Advisory Board (OPAB) in accordance with ORS 475A, OPS offers annual public listening sessions to offer opportunities for members of the public to share feedback on the administration of ORS 475A. Public listening sessions are not part of the official rulemaking process, but they have been scheduled each year, offering opportunities to participate during day and evening hours. Spanish and American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation and CART captioning are provided during these three listening sessions.

After receiving OPAB recommendations and feedback from public listening sessions, OPS begins the rulemaking process by inviting members of the public to apply to serve on Rules Advisory Committees (RACs). The invitation is sent through the [OPS Distribution List](#), published on the OPS website, and shared during regularly scheduled meetings.

OPS schedules multiple, separate RACs to discuss different sections of draft rules, the fiscal impact statement, and the equity impact statement. Multiple RACs offer more opportunities for diverse perspectives to be shared. OPS publishes the meeting dates and RAC meeting materials, including the first draft of rules that will be discussed, on the [OPS Administrative Rules webpage](#) prior to the RACs convening. This information is also sent to the OPS Distribution List.

After RACS conclude, OPS revises the draft rules and publishes the proposed rules on the OPS website in preparation for the 21-day public comment period. During the public comment period, which is advertised through the OPS Distribution List and published on the OPS website, OPS hosts multiple public hearings on the proposed rules. By offering multiple public hearings, OPS creates more opportunities for members of the public to participate at various times of the day, including day and evening hours. Spanish and American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation and CART captioning are provided during public hearings.

After the public comment period concludes, OPS considers feedback and finalizes administrative rules, submitting them to OHA leadership for approval and then to the Oregon Secretary of State in accordance with state agency processes for adoption.

Once rules are adopted, OPS writes a letter to the public to share information about decisions that were made. OPS also publishes a Hearings Officer Report that summarizes comments received.

Once final rules are adopted, OPS implements new rules and updates materials, processes, forms, and the TLC system.