

OREGON WINE BOARD
EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
Wildfire Emergency Response
September 18 & 20 <<FINAL>>

VIA ZOOM

ATTENDANCE

- BOARD:** Bob Morus (Chair), Kevin Chambers (Vice Chair), Eugenia Keegan (Chair Emeritus), Donna Morris (Treasurer), Hilda Jones, Justin King
- STAFF:** Tom Danowski, Marie Chambers, Stacey Kohler
- ABSENT:** Barbara Steele

MEETING OPENING

Call to Order

Chair B. Morus called the Oregon Wine Board Emergency Executive Session to order on September 18 at 5:30 p.m., resuming on September 20 at 4:00 p.m.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

- The Directors present discussed the upcoming emergency public meeting of the Board scheduled for September 21.
- Directors considered industry input related to urgently needed funding for grape and wine sample testing at Oregon State University following widespread wildfire and smoke events. They also considered the effects on the Wine Board's 2020-21 budget of allocating funding for testing from the operating budget surplus.
- The possibility of state or federal emergency assistance was also mentioned as was the Erath Family Foundation Board's decision to award money for lab tests.
- TOWER was identified as a possible financing vehicle for directing industry money to OSU for lab work.
- The Board outlined a desire to balance the critical need for timely sample testing with the opportunity to gather intelligence on volatile phenols in wine grapes and wines that could provide benchmarks for future fire smoke research projects.

ACTION:

The management team was directed to confer with research scientists and administrators at Oregon State University to better understand the pace and costs of sample testing and where financial support from the Wine Board on behalf of the industry could improve lab efficiency and output.