

Occupational Health and Safety Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
April 28, 2026

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Attended</b>
April Sams	EHS	x
Randy Hicks	Chemistry	x
Zac Perry	Facilities Maintenance and Grounds	
Ry Malloy	Audio-Visual	x
Jay Ewing	Physics	
Louise Krampien	Art	
Yuri Garcia	Student Senate	
Colton Lynn	Psychology	
Aaron Haddeland	EHS	x
Hyong Rhew	Faculty	
Jeff Brown	Biology	x
Vee Bartko	Project Manager Reactor	
Megan Regier	Project Manager Reactor	
Tom Wassum	Asst Director of Facilities	
Trevor Koch	Art	
Todd McCormack	AFOP	x
Danielle Maris Lacob	Treasurer	x
Liam Kaas-Lentz	Theatre	
Kristina Townsend	Residence Life	x

Member Name	Department	Attended
Jerry Newhouse	Director of Reactor	x
Bethany Beer	Community Safety	
Melissa Molek	Library	x
Diana Shukri	Human Resources	x
Shane Williams	Information Technology	
Bobby O'Brien	Faculty	x
Darrell Schroeter	Faculty	x

- [Committee webpage](#)
- [Committee Shared Google folder](#)
- <https://reed-edu.zoom.us/j/91424504067?jst=2>

Call to order at 02:01 PM

Follow up from last meeting

- Counselling Center fire extinguisher/evacuation training
  - Appreciated reminder of the Community Safety Text number: 503-849-8678

Accidents/Injuries/Near Misses/Incidents

- Smoke exposure in Studio Arts
  - Laser Cutter within designated ventilated confinement
  - Typically locked when supervisors not present
  - Room occupancy sensor installed for ventilation system
  - Pass through (using it in this configuration makes it a class IV) is not operable due to current setup
  - Theater shop has a glowforge laser cutter and 3d printer-reach out to see what they have in the building
- Liquid Nitrogen tank issue in Chemistry
  - Student dispensing, couldn't close valve
  - Student called CS on custodians phone
    - Landline phone not readily available
  - Staff & Faculty attempted to help, contacted Community Safety
    - Cordoned off area and increased ventilation by opening door
  - Community Safety called Portland Fire Department
    - Advised to evacuate the building → fire alarm pulled

- Arrived, able to close valve
  - Followup with PF on posting photos
  - Jeff had a little bit of issues with the tank the next day. Randy got it to work well. The tank will be removed today.
  - The student was not wearing PPE-no safety glasses/lab coat/cryo gloves container was without a handle. New operation for this lab.
    - Ask labs to substitute to dry ice if possible, less hazardous
  - Standardized procedure for use of liquid nitrogen for chem and bio with standardized poster
  - Move the tank to a more secure location? O2 sensor
- Lower back injury lifting kayak trailer
  - Trailer jack able to position coupler between 12 and 24 inches off of ground
  - Trailer ball hitch 12 inches from ground
  - Advised to purchase hitches that don't have a "drop" so the ball portion is held at a higher elevation
  - If on a slope or pot hole this will help with better alignment
- Pool chemical overflow
  - Chemical pump mechanism had a backflow into the Muriatic drum
    - Drums are 20 gallons
    - Spill deck (45 gallon) capacity is oversized, able to contain all of the liquid
    - Response was great, appropriate PPE, able to neutralize the spill
    - Additional backflow check valve has been installed since the incident

### Inspections

- [Building Inspections](#)
- [Sign-Up for June](#)
- OSHA required, very important
- Spring Recap
  - Lots of improper storage issue - largely unsecured ladders
  - It looked like lots of people made improvements during their inspections, thank you for taking the initiative!
  - I am following up on a few admin spaces where the extinguishers were tagged out of date
    - Fire extinguishers are tagged with annual dates. United Fire ok'd.
  - Class d extinguisher was missing and found in elevator mechanical space (maybe used as a door stop?)

### Other Discussions

- Break-in at residence
- Summer meetings
- Sign up for Give + Go on May 19th: [Give+Go 2026 Volunteer Sign Up](#)
- Heat and Wildfire Smoke training early June

Meeting adjourned at 02:41 PM