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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure Order
Oregon State Bar
DOJ File No.: 993001-GA0066-26

Dear Ms. Volin:

This letter is the Attorney General's response to your petition under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.311 to 192.478. Your petition seeks assistance from the Attorney General in obtaining records you requested from the Oregon State Bar (OSB). Your petition indicates that OSB has not yet provided any records and has failed to meet statutory deadlines.

The Public Records Law confers the right to inspect public records in Oregon, unless such records are exempt under ORS 192.338, 192.345, or 192.355. ORS 192.314(1). Upon receipt of a written public records request by an individual identified in an agency's published procedures for submitting requests, the agency is obligated to respond to the request "as soon as practicable and without unreasonable delay." ORS 192.329(1). An agency that is unable to complete its response within fifteen business days of receiving a written request is required to provide the requester with a reasonable estimated completion date. ORS 192.329(5). A requester may petition the Attorney General if they believe an agency has failed to comply with the processing timelines contained in ORS 192.329. ORS 192.407(1). The agency carries the burden of sustaining its actions. ORS 192.411(1).

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You submitted your records request on March 7, 2026. You then clarified the request on March 17. You filed this petition on March 30, indicating that OSB had not responded to your clarified request. On March 31, OSB provided the records you requested. From the available record it appears that OSB did not complete its response to your request within 15 business days. We are required to treat this failure as a denial of your request. ORS 192.407(1). Because the records have been produced, the only available remedy would be a discretionary fine under ORS 192.407(3)(b). We decline to impose that penalty, and we respectfully deny your petition.

Sincerely,

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