

METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)

Meeting Minutes

July 23, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT

Vince Jones-Dixon
Joe Buck
Candace Avalos
Keith Kudrna
Omar Qutub
Diana Helm
Denyse McGriff
Sherry French
Nafisa Fai
Beach Pace
Allison Tivnon
Tim Rosener
Kristin Greene

Ty Stober
Gerit Rosenthal
Mary Nolan
Duncan Hwang
Dan Eisenbeis

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Elana Pirtle-Guiney
Jerry Hinton
Terri Preeg Riggsby
Miles Palacios
Luis Nava
JT Flowers
Brian Hodson
Ariel Goodwin

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Cathy Keathley
Jim Duggan

AFFILIATION

Multnomah County
Largest city in Clackamas County
City of Portland
Other cities in Multnomah County
Resident of Multnomah County
Clackamas County
Second largest city in Clackamas County
Special Districts in Clackamas County
Washington County
Largest city on Washington County
Second Largest City in Washington County
Other cities in Washington County
Oregon Department of Land Conservation
and Development
City of Vancouver
Metro Council
Metro Council
Metro Council
Port of Portland

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
Second largest city in Multnomah County
Special Districts in Multnomah County
Special District in Washington County
Resident in Washington County
TriMet
City in Clackamas County outside of UGB
City in Washington County outside of UGB

AFFILIATION

Second largest city in Multnomah County
Special Districts in Washington County

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Chair Sherman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

3. CHAIR UPDATE

None

4. COUNCIL UPDATE

Hwang shared brief updates on the Metro Cooling Corridors project; Metro President Peterson's State of the Region; RFFA vote at Metro Council; and Supportive Housing Services (SHS).

Qutub asked about changes to quarterly collections for SHS.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATION

None

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Consideration of the June 25, 2025 MPAC Minutes

MOTION: McGriff, Pace

ACTION: Motion passed with Helm abstaining

6. INFORMATION/PRESENTATION ITEMS

6.1 State Legislative Update

Kyung Park, Metro, provided a presentation.

Kudrna asked staff about bills that reduce development red tape and if there is an effort to pass a statewide zoning code.

Rosener noted it would be helpful for cities to lean in and become familiar with bills that passed that affect housing development. He mentioned there will be things that need to be fixed in these bills, and he suggested it would be helpful for Metro to help cities with that.

McGriff noted one-size doesn't fit all and that cities need flexibility.

Keathley shared it's a balance to ensure housing is livable and suggested Metro might help cities track the changes to development codes.

Rosenthal appreciated the comments and mentioned the Housing Coordination Strategy is an opportunity to address these issues.

Pace asked staff whether VMT was part of the transportation funding discussion.

Rosener asked staff if there is a plan to bring transportation funding back in future sessions.

6.1 Metro's State-Mandated Regional Housing Coordination Strategy

Metro staff Emily Lieb and Eryn Kehe provided a presentation.

Pace asked staff questions about how the actions are ranked; if an action could be added to audit Metro's affordable housing bond for opportunities to increase number of housing units; and if Metro is considering another affordable housing bond.

Rosener asked staff to share the scoring rubric with members of MPAC and other regional elected officials.

Keathley suggested actions should be flexible for jurisdictions with limited strings attached. She also shared a concern that the metric about funding or capacity for an action could exclude a really helpful action. She also expressed support for more data tracking progress.

Avalos asked staff how those with lived experience as renters and cultural specific organizations are being included in this discussion.

Kudrna shared with staff that the input does seem heavy on the jurisdictional side, and he feels including more feedback from users of housing and developers of housing would be helpful.

Sherman shared thoughts about System Development Charges and noted his support for several, specific actions in the Strategy.

Pace wondered if DLCD and Metro both providing technical assistance would be duplicative.

Rosener noted that SDCs are high because of our tax system, and Salem needs to look at tax reform.

Sherman agreed and suggested taxes should be reassessed with the sale of property.

8. ADJOURN

Chair Sherman adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ramona Perrault". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Ramona Perrault, Committee Legislative Advisor