

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-5186 FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPOINTING NEW MEMBERS TO THE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

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BACKGROUND

Metro's Public Engagement Review Committee (PERC) convenes three to four times per year and consists of at-large community members, representatives from three community organizations and public involvement staff from Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties.

The PERC serves as a key component of Metro's ongoing efforts to develop and implement broad, inclusive, informed and effective public engagement processes. Committee members are appointed to three-year terms on a rotating schedule.

The PERC bylaws call for at least three at-large community members and at least three representatives from a community organization. Terms for three at-large community representatives and one representative from a community organization have expired.

RECRUITMENT PROCESS

Current membership and conversations with PERC members led staff to recommend a recruitment of three at-large community members and one representative of a community organization. This recruitment would bring the membership to seven at-large community members, three representatives of community organizations, and three county representatives through 2021. Current membership and this recruitment establishes a standard annual recruitment schedule of three at-large community members and one representative of a community organization.

Staff opened an application process and engaged community stakeholders, local agencies and jurisdictions to recruit committee applicants with public involvement experience, strong community connections, and a diverse geographic and demographic representation.

Staff received eight applications and recommended three new at-large community members that best meet the following criteria:

- a commitment to community engagement
- demonstrated skills, knowledge or experience that apply to principles of citizen involvement adopted by Metro
- experience working with underrepresented communities.

No community based organization applied during this recruitment; however, current membership meets the bylaws-required three representatives from community based organizations.

After consulting the communications director and staff, the Metro Council President has appointed the following individuals to PERC for three-year terms: Carine Arendes, Washington County (at-large), Michael Foley, Clackamas County (at-large) and Richard Gilliam, Clackamas County (at-large).

ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition** None
2. **Legal Antecedents** Resolution No. 97-2433 establishing Metro's Principles of Citizen Involvement: Metro Code Chapter 2.19.030; and Ordinance No. 12-1294 amending Metro Code Chapter 2.19.030.
3. **Anticipated Effects** The appointments to the PERC will allow Metro to more successfully engage communities with Metro's initiatives, improve public engagement practices, and prioritize projects for public outreach.
4. **Budget Impacts** No budget impacts. Program needs are accounted for in existing staff resources and accessing Communications M&S included in the FY 2020-2021 budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Confirm appointment of:

- three at-large community representatives to the PERC for three-year terms: Carine Arendes, Michael Foley and Richard Gilliam.