



Metro

600 NE Grand Ave.
Portland, OR 97232-2736

Meeting minutes

Meeting: MPAC
Date/time: November 19, 2025
Location: Zoom

Attendees

Shannon Singleton, Multnomah County Commissioner
Elana Pirtle Gueny, City of Portland Council President
Candace Avalos, City of Portland Council Member
Jerry Hinton, City of Gresham Council President
Terri Preeg Riggsby, West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District Director
Omar Qutub, Resident of Multnomah County
Diana Helm, Clackamas County Commissioner
Joe Buck, Lake Oswego Mayor
Brett Shermn, Chair and City of Happy Valley Metro Councilor
Pam Treece, Washington County Commissioner
Beach Pace, City of Hillsboro Mayor
Allison Tivnon, City of Beaverton Councilor
Miles Palacios, THPRD
Kirstin Green, OR Department of Lan Conservation and Development Deputy Director
Dan Eisenbeis, Port of Portland
Gerritt Rosenthal, Metro Councilor
Mary Nolan, Metro Councilor
Duncan Hwang, Metro Councilor

Guest

Kathryn Harrington, Washington County Board Chair temporarily for Commissioner Treece

Public Communications on Agenda Items

There was none.

Metro Council Update

Nolan provided the update that included information regarding proposed changes to the Supportive Housing Services program; upcoming shelter openings; changes in the Metro Paint program; and ZooLights

Committee Member Update

Sherman asked members to start thinking about representation for their jurisdictions in 2026 and noted that this meeting would be his last as Chair since he will be out of town next month.

Helm shared she must leave the meeting early for the Clackamas County dinner so will miss the vote for the Regional Housing Coordination Strategy.

She shared that Clackamas County is in favor of recommending the RHCS to the Metro Council with the amendments recommended by MTAC meeting. Also, on November 3 Clackamas County celebrated its new Stabilization Center in Milwaukie. The center offers a safe place for people in crisis. On November 5 the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners launched its Strategic Priorities at the State of the County event.

Consent Agenda

- 1) Recommendation that the Metro Council approve the housekeeping amendments to the Metro Land Use Code
- 2) Consideration of the October 22, 2025 MPAC Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the consent agenda: Palacios

Second: Preeg Riggsby

Action: Motion passed unanimously

Pace requested staff include responses to members' questions as part of the minutes in the future. Perrault responded affirmatively.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Future Vision Update

Eryn Kehe and Malu Wilkinson provided a summary of the Future Vision Commission meeting held on November 13 and previewed the December MPAC meeting where the project team will present on the engagement strategy. Wilkinson also described the presentations that will be part of the Future Vision process and invited MPAC members to attend those.

Mayor Pace reported that the conversations during the breakout sessions were interesting and forward-thinking.

ACTION ITEM

Metro's State-Mandated Regional Housing Coordination Strategy

There was discussion of trying to wait for the arrival of Commissioner Treece so she could vote on this item, but then multiple members announced they would have to leave soon, leaving us short of quorum. The Chair made the decision to move forward with this item while we had quorum.

Eryn Kehe and Emily Lieb presented on RHCS.

Commissioner Treece arrived.

Pace inquired about the questions that were asked at the October meeting re: budget impacts of each recommendation. Kehe answered that they haven't done the analysis yet, but most of

the items will be done by the staff we have now. They will be putting together budget information for Metro Council for next fiscal year.

Pirtle Guiney asked whether the MTAC recommendation was unanimous. Kehe responded there were a few abstentions. Pirtle Guiney asked for additional context on the discussion at MTAC, and Kehe responded there was negotiation on items 9, 10 and 11.

Singleton appreciates the changes that were made and expressed her support for portability of local vouchers so that when people move their rent assistance follows.

Pace asked if consideration was given to ensure steps would be taken across the region. Staff responded that was part of the evaluation of actions before the recommendations were narrowed. Kehe responded that there was wide support for the recommendations that made it through the narrowing process, and the intent is to benefit the entire region.

Motion to recommend Metro Council adopt the Regional Housing Coordination Strategy:
Singleton
Second: Pirtle Guiney

Treece moved to amend the motion to incorporate the MTAC amendments.
Pace seconded the motion to amend the original motion.

Roll call on the motion to amend the original motion. The amendment passed unanimously.

Roll call on the original motion as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Cooling Corridors Strategy

Andre Lightsey-Walker, Joe Gordon, Jai Daniels presented on the Cooling Corridors Strategy.

Sherman noted that Happy Valley is the fastest growing city in Oregon, and they get pushbacks from developers on their tree ordinance. What are the good arguments to fight for trees. Lightsey-Walker answered it's possible to make density and saving old trees both work. Trees take a long time to grow, and while we are in a housing crisis, we are also in a heat crisis.

Hinton appreciated the work and noted it is an issue in Gresham. Gresham already has a Cooling Corridor project but would like to collaborate with Metro, share resources, and avoid duplication.

Tivnon shared that Beaverton is talking about Cooper Mountain. The city worked on a tree conservation plan that is in code. She believes this is a regional issue and it makes sense for Metro to do this work. She wondered where the resources will come from. Wilkinson shared that some of the actions can be taken now, but there are others that will require a discussion

about resources. We're at the beginning, but there are some short-term steps that can be taken.

Rosenthal suggested at some point it would be helpful to have a handbook that provides guidance on what kinds of trees to plant and where. Who will do that? Daniels shared that most cities have this kind of guidance on street trees. Rosenthal also asked if electrification of cars will impact heat islands. Staff responded that this was not studied, however there is new data that shows the color of cars can impact the heat level around them.

Dalin shared Cornelius' experience with developing at the density Metro requires, and the result is that there aren't yards in these new developments. The same is true for multifamily units. He's struggling to see where trees will go in these kinds of developments. He's also concerned about creating another "czar". This money can go toward tangible actions. Daniels responded there are other options, such as reflective roofs, permeable pavement, insulation of heat pumps, cooling hubs, increasing awareness, etc.

Buck shared Lake Oswego is working on updating its tree code. He noted that it's becoming more challenging to serve constituents – sited cuts at TriMet – and he wondered about resources. He wants this work to be done in a collaborative way and without adding more layers to the bureaucracy. He believes we all need to be more cognizant of the budget realities facing all jurisdictions right now. Wilkinson noted these are recommendations for consideration.

Sherman adjourned the meeting at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ramona Perrault". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Ramona" is written in a larger, more prominent script, and "Perrault" follows in a similar but slightly smaller script. The signature is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

Ramona Perrault,
Committee Legislative Advisor