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## **Minutes**

Tuesday, March 4, 2025 12:00 PM

Metro Regional Center, Council chamber https://zoom.us/j/615079992 (Webinar ID: 615079992) or 888-475-4499 (toll free)

**Council meeting** 

This meeting will be held electronically and in person at the Metro Regional Center Council Chamber.

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### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Council President Peterson called the Metro Council Meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Present: 7 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Duncan Hwang,
Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal,
Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Christine Lewis,
and Ashton Simpson

#### 2. Public Communication

There was no public testimony.

#### 3. Ordinances (First Reading and Public Hearing)

3.1 **Ordinance No. 25-1530** For the Purpose of Amending Metro Code Section 11.01.130 (Administrative Cost Recovery) Concerning Use of Administrative Funds and Declaring an Emergency

Presenter(s): Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney

Attachments: Ordinance No 25-1530

Exhibit A to Ordinance 25-1530

Staff provided an overview of the proposed ordinance, which would create new authority for Metro to distribute funds, reliant on additional direction passed separately by Council in the future.

Councilor Lewis clarified with staff that the legal definition of "local government" includes cities and counties but not special districts. Councilors Hwang and Gonzalez asked whether funds would be subject to restrictions for long-term programming plans and weighted population distribution, and staff clarified that new fund distributions would be exempt from these restrictions due to the unique nature of the spending.

### 3.1.1 Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 25-1530

Metro Auditor Brian Evans asked Metro Council to consider approaching funding cautiously and to develop criteria and eligibility.

## 6. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the Metro Council Meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Buzzini, Legislative Coordinator