



Metro

600 NE Grand Ave.
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Meeting minutes

Meeting: MPAC

Date/time: January 28, 2026

Location: Zoom

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

Members Present

Commissioner Vince Jones-Dixon

Councilor Elana Pirtle Guiney

Councilor Cathy Keathley

Mayor Keith Kudrna

Omar Qutub

Commissioner Diana Helm

Mayor Joe Buck

Mayor Denyse McGriff

Councilor Brett Sherman

Board Member Sherry French

Commissioner Pam Treece

Councilor Rob Harris

Councilor John Dugger

Mayor Tim Rosener

Board Member Miles Palacios

Luis Nava

Deputy Director Kirstin Greene

Council Member Ty Stober

Dan Eisenbeis

Councilor Member Mary Nolan

Councilor Member Gerritt Rosenthal

Councilor Duncan Hwang

Members Absent

Councilor Candace Avalos

Director Terri Preeg Riggsby

Ed Gronke

Board Member JT Flowers

Councilor Wil Fuentes

Mayor Brian Hodson

Mayor Marsha Kirk

Public Communications on Agenda Items

There was none.

Metro Council Update

Nolan provided the MPAC Update, which referenced the MPAC Newsletter that was emailed to members, and highlighted approaching deadlines for applying to the Future Vision Youth Committee and Nature in Neighborhoods grants

Committee Member Update

Chair Sherman noted the document in the packet titled, "Compliance Report", and provided some of the highlights.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of the December 17, 2025 MPAC Meeting Minutes

Metro Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) Nominations for Member/Alternative Member Positions

Motion: Rosener

Second: Pirtle-Guiney

The consent agenda passed

ACTION ITEMS

MPAC Leadership Action

Nominations: Keith Kudrna, Chair; Tim Rosener, Vice Chair; Diana Helm, Second Vice Chair

Action: Passed by unanimous vote*

*Please note that the recording of the meeting was overlooked until after this action; therefore, we do not have a record of who moved and seconded each nomination.

Newly elected Chair Kudrna facilitated the remaining of the meeting.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Future Vision Update

Jones-Dixon and Jess Zdeb provided an update on the Future Vision project. The most recent meeting was held in Clackamas County. The plan is to alternate the meetings at Metro and throughout the region. The next meeting will be at Metro, and meeting after that, thanks to the Trailblazers, will be at the Moda Center at Center Court. Metro is working to communicate with the public about this work. There will also be an artist residency to allow creative voices to be part of the process. The recruitment will begin soon for the Future Vision Youth Committee.

Keathley inquired about the deadline for the Youth Committee. Zdeb responded February 8, but Metro may extend the deadline.

Helm reported that Clackamas County was happy to host, and she found the process very interesting.

Supporting the Regional Economy: Foundational Information

Metro staff Andy Shaw and Eryn Kehe provided the presentation.

Treece asked about Metro's and other Members' positions on the Oregon Jobs Act at the legislature. Shaw answered Metro doesn't have a position yet. Treece encouraged everyone to look closely at that bill. She noted that Washington County is the economic engine for the state.

Helm noted Clackamas County did strategic planning, "vibrant economy" was one of their goals. They are interested in this. She thanked Metro for the 2040 grant that funded that work. Clackamas County is about to begin its own land suitability assessment that will complement other studies they've done on economic development, including an industrial land assessment for parcels five acres and greater. The County looks forward to working with the MPAC table to boost economic vitality in the region.

Buck seconded Treece's support for the Oregon Jobs Act. He hopes Metro Council will consider supporting it. There will also be a bill on transient lodging tax trying to change the split. He believes taking that tax funding for services is shortsighted. It's not the reform we need. He would like Metro to take a position on that, too. He asked Metro staff how the efforts to preserve the most valuable farm land has benefited Oregon. Has there been an analysis of that?

Stober noted that Clark County data is not included and that we are one jobshed. Shaw pointed out that Vancouver is a member of GPI and involved in the big-picture strategies. Metro staff Malu Wilkinson also noted that staff tried to include the numbers, but it was difficult to compare apples to oranges.

Eisenbeis attended the Metro Council Work Session and appreciates Metro's mindful and intentional process to identify how to use its strengths toward economic development in the region. He noted it's clear from the data presented that we're in a fundamentally different context now that in the past.

Rosener is curious how we are looking at our competitiveness against peer cities and states, not just our own positive attributes. He also hopes Metro will support the Oregon Jobs Act. He believes we need to bring investment in from other states and countries. He asked for feedback from the Metro Councilors.

Palacios hopes folks will look at the Oregon Jobs Act. Mayor Beach Pace has been very involved in that advocacy. We need industry from out-of-state and also support for our existing companies. Regarding farmland protection and use, we need to engage farmers, too. He disagreed with Buck regarding TLT, in the past jurisdictions could set ratios on their own. The status quo doesn't work for a lot of jurisdictions around the state.

Hwang thanked the members for their input. He personally is struggling with understanding the kinds of jobs we're attracting. The benefits and burdens need to be equitably distributed. He

also wants to consider what Metro's role is in the future. He's very interested in job creation, but they need to be the right jobs, and land use needs to be considered, such as for housing.

Rosenthal agrees with Hwang. He has not yet seen the Oregon Jobs Act. There are big issues such as transportation access in Washington County. He also wants to understand the quality of jobs it will spur. He likes that there are side-bars on data centers but needs to know the details.

Harris said the Beaverton Council is talking about the Oregon Jobs Act. They want to work as good partners and keep an open door. We need excellent jobs, housing, and transportation.

Nolan noted that other legislators have also put forth legislation to stimulate economic development, and they won't weigh in until they better understand all the possibilities. They encouraged members to be mindful of the history that was shared in the presentation about the success of managing the conservation and development of land in the state and in the region. She noted that decisions to expand the UGB in the Portland region have not led to the kind of job development that was anticipated. There are a lot of reasons for that and worth understanding the components of success. Infrastructure investment toward job-ready development is what will promote economic development. They appreciate the conversation and will share it with the Metro Council.

Rosener shared that Sherwood is bucking the trend in the county and is growing jobs. They've learned about how to attract jobs, and these are good, high-tech jobs. He invited people to come out and learn what they're doing.

Supportive Housing Services Reforms update

Metro staff Liam Frost, Yesenia Delgado, and Alice Hodge provided the presentation

Rosener is curious if there are initial conversations about prioritizing inputs into the system, such as foster youth. Frost responded that Multnomah County is focused on people coming out of institutional settings. He hopes the new committee can focus on the needs of the people they're serving so that they can target what is increasing the inputs. He agrees we need to figure out how to advocate regarding larger trends and systems that are pushing people into homelessness. Delgado added that we are building systems to help keep kids coming out of foster care from falling into homelessness.

Treece noted that Washington County appreciates the changes and streamlining. They still believe that the provision in the legislation that provides Metro the sole discretion to amend or modify the Committee's duties, role and membership is inconsistent with the IGAs. That's an ongoing concern. They want to be good partners.

Duggar asked for help in understanding the Committee's role, particularly regarding the implementation of local implementation plans. Frost responded that the Committee will be mostly focused on Supported Housing Services. It overlaps and interacts with affordable housing, but the Committee needs to really focus on SHS. Duggar appreciated Frost's response

and noted that cities are already feeling the burden of regulation from the state, and he advocated flexibility.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ramona Perrault". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Ramona Perrault,
Committee Legislative Advisor