

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-5609, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHANGING CERTAIN COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2026

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**ISSUE STATEMENT**

Metro’s Charter requires Metro Council to adopt an organizing resolution at the beginning of each calendar year. The resolution seeks confirmation of the Council President’s appointment of a Deputy, along with certain committee members and chairs.

On January 8, 2026, Metro Council approved Resolution No. 26-5560, confirming the appointment of Councilor Duncan Hwang as Deputy Council President. In adopting the resolution, Metro Council confirmed and acknowledged additional appointments and liaison assignments.

On April 7, 2026, following former Council President Lynn Peterson’s resignation, Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 26-5593, which updated Council appointments and liaison assignments.

**ASSIGNMENT CHANGES**

In light of recent policy changes, Councilor appointments and a desire for stronger continuity of Metro Council representation since the adoption of the April resolution, Resolution No. 26-5609 proposes the following adjustments to the committee assignments.

**Supportive Housing Services Regional Policy and Advisory Committee Vice Chair**

After adoption of Resolution No. 26-5593, Metro Council adopted the bylaws for the Supportive Housing Services Regional Policy and Oversight Committee (Resolution No. 26-5601). The bylaws specify that the officers include both a chair and vice chair. Metro Council confirmed Councilor Juan Carlos González as chair in April 2026; Resolution 26-5609 would confirm Acting Council President Duncan Hwang as vice chair.

**Tualatin Valley Highway Safety and Transit Project Policy and Budget Committee**

Following the endorsement of the locally preferred alternative for the Tualatin Valley Highway Safety and Transit Project in June 2025, TriMet assumed management of the project. In early 2026, TriMet convened the project’s Policy and Budget committee to provide strategic guidance on the project's design and delivery. TriMet has appointed Councilor Juan Carlos González to this committee, with subject matter expert staff serving as the alternate, as is common for these positions.

**Oregon Metropolitan Planning Organization Consortium**

In prior years, the chair of the Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation served as Metro Council’s representative at the Oregon Metropolitan Planning Organization Consortium (OMPOC), aiming to reflect Metro Council and JPACT’s unique partnership as the region’s metropolitan planning organization. Acting Council President Hwang has appointed Councilor Christine Lewis—who has served as JPACT chair since the passage of Resolution No. 26-5593—as Metro’s primary representative at OMPOC.

**Oregon Zoo Foundation Board**

To ensure a strong relationship with the Oregon Zoo Foundation, Acting Council President Hwang has appointed Councilor Ashton Simpson as the alternate for the ex-officio Metro Council seats on the board.

**Region 1 Area Commission on Transportation**

To ensure continuity of representation, Councilor Hwang has appointed Councilor Ashton Simpson, JPACT vice chair, to serve as the alternate for the Region 1 Area Commission on Transportation, previously unassigned.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Metro Council adopts Resolution No. 26-5609 and confirms and acknowledges changes to the 2026 committee appointments and liaison assignments to reflect new policy changes, appointees’ existing roles and expertise and to ensure continuity of Metro representation.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None