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Minutes

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

10:30 AM

This Council meeting will adjourn into a work session.

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber;
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or
253-205-0468 (toll free), [https://www.youtube.com/watch?
v=jZw7QHsVlbg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jZw7QHsVlbg)**

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Peterson called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

Present: 6 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Duncan Hwang, Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Christine Lewis, and Councilor Ashton Simpson

Excused: 1 - Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal

2. Public Communication

None.

3. Resolutions**3.1 Resolution No. 25-5555 For The Purpose of Providing Up to \$7,000,000 to Clackamas County to Address Unsheltered Homelessness**

Presenter(s): Vahid Brown (he/him), Clackamas County Department of Health, Housing and Human Services
Liam Frost, Interim Housing Director, Metro

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-5555](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1 - Clackamas County Request Memo](#)

County staff described two approaches for using an administrative fund allocation to expand access to services: acquisition and rehabilitation of shelter-ready property and the development of village-style shelters.

In response to questions from Councilor Nolan, County staff clarified that the County currently invests in similar properties, but that additional funds were their first priority for accessing additional administrative funds. The units contemplated, as those already in existence, provide a small but furnished independent housing unit, with shared cooking and other facilities. County staff and Councilor Nolan then discussed the estimated cost per unit; previous units were within the range of the \$175,000 estimated by Councilor Nolan.

Councilor Lewis was curious how new the County planned to site the new development. County staff noted that while expanding land near an existing village is preferred, there is flexibility.

Councilor Gonzalez expressed his support for the proposal, noting specifically the level of dignity and care that would residents would experience.

County staff elaborated for President Peterson that revenue to support construction for housing at a recovery campus may come from opioid settlement dollars. On the subject of reunification programs, County staff said there is no evidence that people are frequently sent to Clackamas County without resources, but that the resource navigation team has found reunification a positive tool, when used appropriately.

A motion was made by Councilor Lewis, seconded by Councilor Gonzalez, that this item be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Hwang, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Simpson

Nay: 1 - Councilor Nolan

Excused: 1 - Councilor Rosenthal

3.2 Resolution No. 25-5534 For the Purpose of Adopting the Supportive Housing Services Reform Work Plan

Presenter(s): Liam Frost (he/him), Interim Housing Director
Yesenia Delgado (she/her), Supportive Housing Services Division Director

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-5534](#)
[Exhibit A](#)
[Staff Report](#)

Metro staff were joined by Steve Rudman, Supportive Housing Services (SHS) Tri-County Planning Body Co-Chair. They reviewed with Council the five reform actions proposed in the legislation, including the creation of a consolidated oversight committee.

Councilor Nolan asked how the proposal would require or incentivize a regional approach to providing SHS. Staff highlighted opportunities presented by the new oversight committee, shared definitions to guide progress, and administrative rules that will be designed to create standards that hold counties accountable when monitoring process.

Councilor Simpson wanted to know how the data collected to support the key performance indicators (KPIs) could be used, other than measuring benchmark progress. Staff explained that the KPIs can also help measure whether the regional system is prepared to respond to certain conditions, as well as guiding advocacy with partners in related fields, like mental health.

Councilor Lewis highlighted the importance of supporting committee members and alternates. Staff agreed, stressing the plan to finish on-boarding early and providing support to members, especially those representing lived experience, who may be less familiar with how oversight committees function. Councilor Lewis also pressed for leveraging the Regional Investment Fund to support a regional system.

Councilor Hwang wondered whether there is an opportunity to co-create targets with the targeted universalism project. He pointed out that there are nine KPIs in addition to environmental indicators and stressed the importance of focus for systems change. Staff explained that each KPI will be accompanied by an aggressive benchmark, set by the committee, and that past SHS work plans are still in effect.

Councilors Gonzalez shared his desire for Metro Council and the new oversight committee to take strong ownership of the culture of the SHS system. Co-Chair Rudman agreed that Metro should utilize its role and capacity to guide systems alignment, particularly in the face of changes to the Medicaid system and vacant housing units in the regional.

Councilor Nolan asked how the distribution of funds between Populations A and B, as delineated in the original ballot measure, would be supported by KPIs. Staff clarified that certain KPIs apply to only one population, based on the nature of the service provide, but that the benchmarks set by the committee should come before Metro Council by June 2026.

A motion was made by Councilor Simpson, seconded by Councilor Lewis, that this item be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Hwang, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Simpson

Excused: 1 - Councilor Rosenthal

4. Ordinances (Second Reading)

4.1 **Ordinance No. 25-1539** For the Purpose of Consolidating the Supportive Housing Services Regional Oversight Committee and Tri-County Planning

Body Into a New "SHS Regional Policy and Oversight Committee" and Establishing the Committee's Duties and Membership

Presenter(s): Liam Frost (he/him), Interim Housing Director
Yesenia Delgado (she/her), Supportive Housing Services Division Manager
Kristin Dennis (she/her), Metro Chief of Staff

Attachments: [Ordinance No. 25-1539](#)
[Exhibit A to Ordinance No. 25-1539](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1 - Draft SHS Reform Actions Memo](#)

President Peterson conferred with Metro Attorney Carrie MacLaren to correct a scrivener's error and confirm that Exhibit A to the ordinance would specify a committee size of 22 members.

Councilor Hwang supported the ordinance, although he noted that it does not reflect his desire to include broad representation of voices, including frontline workers and academia.

Councilor Nolan expressed concern that the makeup of the committee will not support the expedient and difficult decision-making necessary to improve the program. They further noted that partners engaged in the process testified in favor of a smaller committee, and that the structure does not create incentives to take a regional approach.

Councilor Lewis posited that the proposed committee membership creates meaningful space for elected officials to absorb complex information previously distributed across two committees. She advocated for enacting stronger accountability measures in 2026.

Councilor Gonzalez shared his optimism for using the new committee to make improvements over the first five years of the program.

President Peterson emphasized a culture of distrust around investments in SHS between stakeholders, but she recognized a positive shift in attitudes over the past year. She asked Council, to no objection, if they would support the creation of smaller subcommittees.

A motion was made by Councilor Simpson, seconded by Councilor Gonzalez, that this item be approved. The motion passed by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Council President Peterson, Councilor Hwang, Councilor Gonzalez, Councilor Lewis, and Councilor Simpson

Nay: 1 - Councilor Nolan

Excused: 1 - Councilor Rosenthal

5. Adjourn to work session

With no further business, President Peterson adjourned the meeting 12:15 p.m., immediately followed by a Council work session.



Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor
January 9, 2026