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Minutes

Thursday, September 25, 2025

10:30 AM

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber,
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or
253-205-0468 (toll free), [www.youtube.com/watch?
v=z9ND1U7KT9A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z9ND1U7KT9A)**

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Deputy Council President Simpson called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

Deputy Council President Simpson shared remarks to honor the National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding School Survivors, observed September 30th. Councilors Gonzalez, Nolan and Rosenthal added remarks in support of the efforts of Tribes and Indigenous residents and employees who continue to grieve and raise awareness of this issue.

Present: 4 - Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, and Councilor Ashton Simpson

Excused: 3 - Council President Lynn Peterson, Councilor Duncan Hwang, and Councilor Christine Lewis

2. Public Communication

None.

3. Consent Agenda**3.1 Resolution No. 25-5536 For the Purpose of Appointing Erik Matissek to the Future Vision Commission**

Attachments: [Resolution No. 25-5536](#)
[Staff Report](#)

No discussion.

A motion was made by Councilor Gonzalez, seconded by Councilor Nolan, to adopt items on the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Presentations**4.1 Office of the Auditor Annual Report FY 2024-2025**

Presenter(s): Brian Evans, Metro Auditor

Attachments: [Office of the Auditor Annual Report FY 2024-2025](#)

Auditor Evans shared the results of the annual report, which evaluates the performance of the Office of the Metro Auditor, which conducts performance audits, manages the financial audit contract, and administers the accountability hotline.

Council President Peterson joined the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Auditor Evans clarified for Councilor Rosenthal that the variability of the average number of days to close reports varied across years because of both the complexity of the different audits conducted, particularly those including reports requiring investigation, and the effect of constrained resources during the Covid-19 pandemic.

4.2 **Supportive Housing Services County Fiscal Year 2025 Quarter Four** **Reports**

Presenter(s): Yesenia Delgado, Supportive Housing Services Division
 Manager

RJ Stangland, Housing Finance Manager

Attachments:

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachment 1 - Clackamas County Q4 Report](#)

[Attachment 2 - Multnomah County Q4 Report](#)

[Attachment 3 - Washington County Q4 Report](#)

[Attachment 4 - Supplemental Memo](#)

[Attachment 4a - TCPB Regional Goals Progress Report.pdf](#)

Presenters reviewed regional progress in the Supportive Housing Services (SHS) program, specified progress made by each county and updated Council on financial considerations, Metro's SHS Division and upcoming Council engagement.

Council President Peterson began the discussion by thanking staff for the progress made collaborating with county partners, reducing barriers to delivering services and communicating program results. Deputy Council President Simpson reiterated the importance of those improvements and also thanked staff.

Presenters clarified for Councilor Gonzalez that the quarterly reports include direct funding from Metro to the City of Portland for integrated safety services, but that interventions funded solely

by the City of Portland do not appear in quarterly reports. Councilor Gonzalez also asked how service needs, like permanent supportive housing, and wait times are measured. Interim Housing Director Liam Frost joined the presenters and noted that upcoming proposed changes to the SHS program are aimed at setting new goals and new metrics for tracking progress and outcomes. Council consideration of those proposed changes is expected this fall. Councilor Gonzalez advocated for data sharing and analysis that supports a broad view of programs across the region, regardless of funding source, and he and Interim Director Frost agreed that comparing progress to demonstrated need, not just goals, is the stronger approach. Presenters added that other data analysis, such as the SHS Oversight Committee annual report, aggregate data sources and report on specific needs, not only program progress.

Council President Peterson agreed with this line of discussion and added that more dynamic indicators would provide better insight into program best practices and success.

Councilor Rosenthal asked whether the program to support the SHS workforce through Portland Community College (PCC) would be replicated at other regional community colleges. Interim Director Frost said that the program's design allows for expansion if outcomes are positive. Metro's Regional Capacity Manager, Cole Merkel, joined the discussion and explained that under the current program at PCC, opportunities could be offered in Washington County, and that should an ideal location be identified, they could also be offered in Clackamas County.

Councilor Rosenthal also asked whether data derived from the partnership with Health Share would be used for an educational dashboard. Presenters confirmed that the idea has been discussed and weighed alongside privacy issues.

Councilor Nolan asked for more insight into Metro's role facilitating Health Share's data agreement with Multnomah County. Presenters highlighted the success of that partnership compared to past difficulty communicating across systems. Councilor Nolan also asked how to implement a system of prioritization to ensure least restricted funds in the region were

allocated most efficiently. Presenters noted integrating the health care system and deploying regional investment funds both serve this goal; they also noted that financial strain on the system due to federal and state budget cuts would require more efficiency.

5. Chief Operating Officer Communication

COO Madrigal celebrated employee service awards and thanked staff for their work.

6. Councilor Communication

Councilor Gonzalez shared takeaways from the Greater Portland, Inc. Summit, which recognized Elizabeth Mazzara Myers for her leadership at Westside Economic Alliance, a Metro partner in economic development. He announced that he will participate in a best practices trip later this fall with Greater Portland, Inc.

Councilor Rosenthal noted a recent trip to Chehalem Ridge Nature Park, and he thanked Councilors Lewis and Gonzalez for attending the Metro Mixer at the City of Durham, which included discussions about parks in Durham and economic development in the Tualatin-Sherwood area.

Council President Peterson asked Councilors to share information they may receive about the region's sports industry to improve collaboration across local jurisdictions.

7. Adjourn

There being no further business, Council President Peterson adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor