



Metro

600 NE Grand Ave.
Portland, OR 97232-2736

Meeting minutes

Meeting: MPAC
Date/time: December 17, 2025
Location: Zoom

Attendees

Vince Jones-Dixon, Multnomah County Commissioner
Elana Pirtle-Guiney, City of Portland Council President
Candace Avalos, City of Portland Council Member
Jerry Hinton, City of Gresham Council President
Terri Preeg Riggsby, West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District Director
Diana Helm, Clackamas County Commissioner
Joe Buck, Lake Oswego Mayor
Brett Shermn, Chair and City of Happy Valley Metro Councilor
Pam Treece, Washington County Commissioner
Beach Pace, City of Hillsboro Mayor
Allison Tivnon, City of Beaverton Councilor
Miles Palacios, THPRD
Kirstin Green, OR Department of Lan Conservation and Development Deputy Director
Dan Eisenbeis, Port of Portland
Gerritt Rosenthal, Metro Councilor
Mary Nolan, Metro Councilor
Duncan Hwang, Metro Councilor
Sherry French, Clackamas River Water District
Tim Rosener, City of Sherwood Mayor
Luis Nava, Resident of Washington County
Ty Stober, City of Vancouver Councilor

Absent

Omar Qutub, Resident of Multnomah County
Denyse McGriff, City of Oregon City Mayor
Brett Sherman, City of Happy Valley
Ed Gronke
JT Flowers, TriMet
Wil Fuentes, Clark County
Brian Hodson, City of Canby Mayor
Marsha Kirk, City of Banks Mayor

Public Communications on Agenda Items

There was none.

Metro Council Update

Hwang provided the update Supportive Housing Services program reform that Metro Council adopted.

Committee Member Update

Kudrna asked members to start thinking about representation for their jurisdictions in 2026. He explained the officer voting procedure that will happen in January and provided instructions on how to provide notice of membership on MPAC.

Rosener explained why he is unable to continue on MPAC next year.

Buck expressed appreciation to the Metro Council for engaging the region on the SHS reform process. He's pleased cities will now have a seat at the table.

Consent Agenda

- 1) Consideration of the November 19, 2025 MPAC Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the consent agenda: Preeg Riggsby

Second: Pirtle-Guiney

Action: Motion passed with Fai abstaining

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Future Vision Update

Laura Combs and Molly Cooney-Mesker provided an update on the engagement strategy for the Future Vision project.

Jones-Dixon noted the Committee is thinking through the conditions to bring the Vision to fruition.

Rosenthal observed the last meeting, and the consulting team was surprised and happy about our outreach to young people and tribes. He also noted that one of the principles is "data-driven", but he believes visioning like this should be less about the data and more about imagination.

Rosener noted that one meeting per district is great, but there's a lot of diversity in the districts. He volunteered Sherwood as one of the cities. He also shared that scientific surveys provide valuable information rather than internet polls. He likes the Youth Advisory aspect of Metro's engagement. He asked if Metro had been in touch with the cities' Youth Advisory Committees.

Hinton would like to have one of the meetings in Gresham. Vince-Jones recommended the new library as a good location.

Helm shared Clackamas County is excited to host the next meeting. She asked for and received clarification on timeline.

Pirtle-Guiney thanked staff and noted the great group of people on the committee. She asked MPAC members to share who with Future Vision project should be reaching out to and including. The group is really engaged.

Palacios recommended other youth groups to reach out to, such as Halla, which serves students of color.

Jones-Dixon looked at the timeline, and he's concerned about summer being the time for the Youth Summit due to vacation conflicts.

Hwang shared it warms his heart to see mayors offering to host meetings, and he looks forward to visiting other parts of the region.

Wilkinson is excited about members offering locations for meetings. This is everyone's vision, not Metro's alone.

Nava recommended the outreach meetings be in person as well as online. He also encouraged thinking about working with student leadership councils.

Palacios agreed with Nava and recommended Organization of Student Councils as a good group to reach out to.

City of Vancouver 2025-2045 Comprehensive Plan Update

Vancouver's Rebecca Kennedy and Meredith Herbst provided the presentation.

Eisenbeis enjoyed hearing about the differences between Oregon and Washington land use planning. He clarified and received confirmation about the numbers of jobs mentioned in the presentation. He wondered if planning for such large job growth becomes a self-fulfilling prophesy. Vancouver staff explained they considered existing trends and aspirational growth.

Fai celebrated Vancouver's staff on the presentation and how firm they are on their values. Fai felt inspired by their work.

Rosenthal agrees. He asked if there is anything in the plan that focuses on Transit Oriented Development. Staff responded that it does. They've concentrated growth in the transit areas. She explained the State has also passed legislation that supports dense development around transit stops.

2040 Planning and Development Grants Program Update

Serah Breakstone provided an update on Metro's Planning and Development Grants Program, including changes to the grant award cycle and expanded program opportunities.

Palacios asked about the cycle when no one applied, particularly around engagements. Breakstone explained that it was mostly a timing issue with folks who were interested. She also described her engagement strategy.

Tivnon said Beaverton has gotten a lot of use out of these grants in the past. However, the city is in challenging financial times, and creating some flexibility with the funds to allow paying for staffing would be helpful. Breakstone said Metro did hear that during engagement, which is what prompted the change to allow 20% of the funding to go toward staff.

Helm expressed gratitude for the grant to fund its land accessibility project.

Kudrna adjourned the meeting at 6:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ramona Perrault". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ramona Perrault,
Committee Legislative Advisor