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Minutes

Thursday, July 23, 2026

10:00 AM

This Council Meeting will adjourn to 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=LcqV11sVQxY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LcqV11sVQxY)**

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President González called the Council meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Present: 7 - Councilor Duncan Hwang, Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Council President Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Christine Lewis, Councilor Ashton Simpson, and Councilor Miles Palacios

2. Public Communication

No testimony.

3. Consent Agenda**3.1 Consideration of the June 18, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes**

Attachments: [June 18, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

3.2 Consideration of the June 23, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [June 23, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

3.3 Consideration of the June 25, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [June 25, 2026 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

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

4. Resolutions**4.1 Resolution No. 26-5612 For the Purpose of Approving Targeted Universalism as Metro's Framework to Achieve Equitable Outcomes**

Presenter(s): Marissa Madrigal (she/her), Chief Operating Officer
Sebrina Owens-Wilson (she/her), Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Attachments: [Resolution No. 26-5612](#)
[Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1 - Resolution No. 16-4708](#)
[Attachment 2 - Exhibit A to Resolution No. 16-4708](#)

Chief Operating Officer Marissa Madrigal introduced the targeted

universalism framework, and DEI Director Sebrina Owens-Wilson recounted Metro Council's policy commitments to racial equity, presented the elements of targeted universalism and reviewed the outcome of a final retreat that included Metro Council, senior leadership and equity leadership.

Councilor Simpson applauded the team for their thorough work and the opportunities presented by the framework to close gaps in racial equity across the region.

Councilor Lewis further appreciated the groups that participated in targeted universalism development process, which included hundreds of staff and not just Council. She described a deeply collaborative process that reflected the services Metro offers to the public.

Councilor Rosenthal identified the opportunity to help regional partners incorporate targeted universalism principles in their governance as well.

Councilor Palacios appreciated the work of his colleagues prior to his joining the Council and emphasized the expansive impact the framework would have.

President González shared his concerns about worsening conditions for community members and the opportunity for meaningful change through targeted universalism. He also described his first interactions with Metro as a young advocate participating in the process to create the first Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

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

Aye: 7 - Councilor Hwang, Councilor Nolan, Councilor Rosenthal,
Council President Gonzalez, Councilor Lewis, Councilor
Simpson, and Councilor Palacios

5. Adjourn to Council Work Session

President González adjourned the Council meeting into a work
session at 10:44 a.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anne Buzzini".

Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor
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