

METRO POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MPAC)

Meeting Minutes

March 19th, 2025MEMBERS PRESENT

Vince Jones-Dixon
Candace Avalos
Joe Buck
Brett Sherman
Sherry French
Beach Pace
Allison Tivnon
Tim Rosener
Miles Palacios
Luis Nava
Kristin Greene
Dan Eisenbeis
Gerritt Rosenthal
Duncan Hwang

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Elana Pirtle-Guiney
Jerry Hinton
Keith Kudrna
Terri Preeg-Riggsby
Omar Qutub
Denyse McGriff
Ed Gronke
Pam Treece
JT Flowers
Wil Fuentes
Ty Stober
Brian Hodson
James Fage
Mary Nolan

ALTERNATES PRESENT

Shannon Singleton
Cathy Keathley
Nafisa Fai
Rob Harris
Laura Kelly

AFFILIATION

Multnomah County
City of Portland
Largest City in Clackamas County
Other Cities in Clackamas County
Special Districts Clackamas County
Largest City in Washington County
Second Largest City in Washington County
Other Cities in Washington County
Special Districts Washington County
Citizen of Washington County
Oregon Dept of Land Conservation and Development
Port of Portland
Metro Council
Metro Council

AFFILIATION

City of Portland
City of Gresham
City of Fairview
Special Districts
Citizen of Multnomah County
Second Largest City in Clackamas County
Citizen of Clackamas County
Washington County
Trimet
Clark County
City of Vancouver
City in Clackamas County Outside the UGB
City in Washington County Outside the UGB
Metro Council

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

MPAC Chair Brett Sherman called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. In addition to MPAC members and alternates, Commissioner Marth Schrader was present for the meeting on behalf of Clackamas County.

2. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

Metro staff Ramona Perrault read aloud the instructions for providing public testimony. There was none.

3. COUNCIL UPDATE

Chair Sherman introduced Metro Councilor Duncan Hwang to provide the Council Update. Councilor Hwang shared updates on the WPES Regional Facilities Waste Plan, Eagle Creek Golf Course, Community Placemaking Grants, and other Metro grant opportunities.

4. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATE

Commissioner Vince Jones-Dixon reported that Multnomah County had announced a COO and shared an update on the Mt. Hood Community College bond.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Due to a lack of voting members present, the Consent Agenda was postponed.

6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 State Legislative Update

Chair Sherman introduced Metro staff Kyung Park.

Park provided a presentation that covered bills that would impact funding and regulation of transportation and housing/homelessness.

Mayor Rosener asked about the ODOT shortfall being operational/maintenance vs. capital.

Chair Sherman inquired about legislation creating a centralized loan program for housing.

Commissioner Jones-Dixon expressed support for Representative Mark Gamba's bill HB 2968.

Mayor Rosener asked about HB 3031 qualification and writing it to be flexible – regulatory vs statutory. On the topic of SDC legislation, Rosener asked whether the central bank would pay up front or recoup the payments.

Chair Sherman pointed out that accelerating the building permit approval process is problematic, because cities do not have the staff to make that happen.

Mayor Rosener emphasized that a lot of these bills are data-poor; many building permit applications that take a lot of time are not complete when submitted and it takes a lot of time to complete them.

6.2 Regional Housing Coordination Strategy: Scope of work and engagement plan

Chair Sherman introduced Metro staff Emily Lieb and Laura Combs.

Emily Lieb and Laura Combs provided a presentation regarding scope of the project and the engagement plan.

Commissioner Schrader noted that Clackamas County Housing Authority has a successful strategy to create affordable housing. Schrader asked 1) if the enterprise comes with dollars attached, particularly with federal cuts, 2) will Metro have a funding stream to implement and 3) if these strategies only apply within the Urban Growth Boundary. Schrader commented that rural communities need the same opportunities.

Lieb clarified this coordination strategy does not have any funding allocated, but the strategy presents the opportunity to elevate needs and potential opportunities to consider funding possibilities.

Commissioner Schrader asked if it will be up to the local jurisdictions to find the funds for Metro's strategies.

Lieb responded that the point is to create a regional plan and strategies that could lead to funding opportunities.

Mayor Tim Rosener noted that putting together a strategy without tools to implement it could be a problem, however, this could also provide an inventory of barriers; in Sherwood, infrastructure is the barrier.

Commissioner Fai asked if the state gave Metro money for this.

Lieb answered that this was not the case; the Metro Council had to find funds.

Commissioner Fai wondered if the budget allocation extends to counties/cities.

Lieb responded that the funding is only for developing the plan. Commissioner Fai stated that a lot of state requirements are coming without funding.

Kristin Greene reported that there is a budget allocation to help Metro-area counties and cities pay for planning.

Council President Rob Harris asked for examples of how critical gaps could be filled at the regional level.

Emily Lieb offered that some of the strategies could be helping local jurisdictions with technology or data or training, which could add value to the work being done by the jurisdictions.

Eryn Kehe stated that this is meant to be a coordination strategy for how Metro can fill gaps and be helpful; it is not an effort to create more requirements.

Chair Sherman appreciated the help with identifying barriers and noted that federal actions could make work challenging.

6.3 Regional Supportive Housing Services: Reporting and Reform Updates

Chair Sherman introduced Metro staff Patricia Rojas, Liam Frost, and Andy Shaw.

Rojas and Frost provided a presentation reviewing the SHS FY24 annual report.

Andy Shaw presented on SHS reform conversations.

Commissioner Jones-Dixon reported that the Oversight Committee presentation at Multnomah was very helpful and would be interested in a joint work session with the County and Metro with data-driven conversation. Jones-Dixon appreciated the outcomes that were shared along with the former presentation on a regional approach.

Commissioner Singleton noted how clearly the information is laid out and highlighted that there are reforms and improvements to make right now, and these should not be delayed.

Commissioner Fai asked about the emergency ordinance that had a first reading and its status since the county had asked for that to not move forward.

Andy Shaw answered that it had a first reading, but not a second.

Chair Sherman stated he understands the counties have had concerns about setting aside money for affordable housing.

Andy Shaw explained how the group is considering these concerns and that the Metro Council has acknowledged counties need more time to consider

7. ADJOURN

Chair Sherman adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ramona Perrault,
Committee Legislative Advisor