

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-5355, FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONFIRMING THE MEMBERS OF THE METRO REGIONAL WASTE ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

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ISSUE STATEMENT

In March 2019, Metro Council adopted the 2030 Regional Waste Plan. As a part of the plan's oversight framework, the Metro Council established the new Regional Waste Advisory Committee to help guide the implementation of the plan's goals and actions. In September 2019, Metro Council confirmed the appointment of members to the committee, for two-year terms ending September 30th, 2021. Metro Code requires that committee members be either reappointed for an additional term or that new members be appointed.

ACTION REQUESTED

Staff requests approval of Resolution No. 23-5355, confirming the appointment of new members to the Regional Waste Advisory Committee:

New appointments for first term:

Teresa Gaddy, Community Member: term ending August 31, 2025
Jackie Kirouac-Fram, System User: term ending August 31, 2025
Kathy Folsom, Local government representative for Washington County: term ending August 31, 2025

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

Metro Council adopted the 2030 Regional Waste Plan to guide the development of the garbage and recycling system. The Regional Waste Advisory Committee helps advance two primary policy outcomes:

- Advancing racial equity by increasing access and representation in decision-making for historically marginalized communities
- Implementing the accountability framework set forth in the plan

PROPOSED MEMBER BIOGRAPHIES

Teresa Gaddy**Community member – 2-year term ending August 31, 2025**

Teresa is passionate about what happens with our waste & recycling in terms of environmental and health impacts. She is also interested in the careers associated with this industry and how these opportunities are shifting or expanding over the next several years. She cares about equitable access to services for those living in low-income neighborhoods, especially large apartment complexes which are predominantly immigrant and/or POC.

She is a mixed-race Native woman (Tewa and white), living in Multnomah County for most of the last 30 years. She manages a workforce readiness program for BIPOC adults called the Green Workforce Academy. They introduce folks to green career opportunities and teach them about the myriad of factors that have led to climate change including waste & recycling, thinking about the life cycle of commodities and how we might manage our waste stream better.

Jackie Kirouac-Fram**System user – 2-year term ending August 31, 2025**

Jackie Kirouac-Fram has more than 15 years of experience helping nonprofits thrive through stakeholder engagement, strategic collaboration, and striving toward justice through equity and inclusion. Since March 2019, she has served as Executive Director at the ReBuilding Center, a Portland, Oregon climate justice nonprofit that harnesses the power of reuse and repair of reclaimed building materials to reduce consumption and production of new materials, and to support home retention for low-income homeowners. Prior to this position, she was Vice President at FOCUS St. Louis, a nonprofit civic leadership organization, where she led efforts to increase community support and engagement around policy issues that impact the health and well-being of communities.

Jackie has a Ph.D. in American Studies from Saint Louis University, where she published on the intersection of urban policy and racial equity, specifically concerning racialized aspects of public transportation policy and funding. Her work has been published in the Journal of Urban History, Souls: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture and Society, and Radical History Review, and she is a proud recipient of an Andrew W. Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship. She has spent her entire career in the nonprofit sector and believes in the power of communities to drive policy change toward justice.

Kathy Folsom**Local government representative for Washington County – 2-year term ending August 31, 2025**

Kathy Folsom is a Senior Policy Coordinator with the Washington County Solid Waste & Recycling Division. With more than 17 years of experience in the materials management fields, Kathy has spent the past several years in various roles with Washington County Solid Waste & Recycling. She has managed administrative rules and regulation updates, monitored and evaluated compliance with existing rules and regulations, and reviewed and recommended regulatory proposals and models related to solid waste and recycling collection, solid waste disposal, nuisance and noise. She oversees the development and

renewal of Washington County's solid waste disposal site franchise agreements with the Hillsboro Landfill and Recology Organics - North Plains.

She currently serves as the project manager overseeing Washington County's Garbage and Recycling Advisory Committee. She is committed to supporting a safe, equitable and healthy Washington County community. Kathy has a strong commitment to incorporating equity considerations into any decision-making process and all work including rules and regulations. Kathy has an M.B.A and bachelor's degrees in Economics and Finance.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 23-5355

STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

The 2030 Regional Waste Plan guides the greater Portland area's efforts to reduce the environmental impacts of the products we make, use and discard, provide a more equitable distribution of services and benefits to communities of color and other historically marginalized communities, and ensure a high quality, resilient garbage and recycling system. To help achieve this, the plan identifies an oversight structure to include:

- Metro Council
- Metro Committee on Racial Equity
- Metro Policy Advisory Committee
- Metro Regional Waste Advisory Committee

The Regional Waste Advisory Committee is intended to:

- Provide input on legislative and administrative actions that the Metro Council or Chief Operating Officer (COO) will consider related to implementing the Plan
- Provide input to staff on development of policies, programs and projects to implement actions in the Plan
- Review and provide input on the status of implementing the plan

The membership is structured to strengthen the likelihood that the committee will focus on outcomes that best achieve the public interest in terms of the plan's focus on equitable system benefits and services, and environmental and human health benefits. The membership is:

- Five city or county government representatives
- Three individuals representing the interests of communities of color and other historically marginalized groups
- One individual representing the interests of environmental or health advocates
- One user of the solid waste system
- One representative from the Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality
- The Oregon Refuse and Recycling Association's (ORRA) Metro-area regional director
- A Metro staff person designated by the COO to serve as Chair of the committee