

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-5611 FOR THE PURPOSE OF
APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE NATURAL AREAS AND CAPITAL PROGRAM
PERFORMANCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Meeting date: May 28, 2026
Department: Parks and Nature

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ISSUE STATEMENT

Independent community oversight has been essential to Metro's accountability and delivery on promises made to voters in its funding measures. The Metro Council established the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee, charged with providing independent and transparent oversight Metro's use of capital funds from the \$475 million 2019 parks and nature bond and the parks and natural areas levy.

Committee members can serve up to three two-year terms. Some committee members, originally appointed in 2021, will be rolling off in 2027 and some committee members first appointed in 2024 and eligible to serve two more terms.

Regular appointments of new members ensures the committee membership stays robust and is sustainable over time as members serve all three terms and others drop off before completing all three terms. In 2026, after a broad recruitment, staff are recommending individuals for appointment to the committee.

The purpose of Resolution No. 26-5611 is to appoint six individuals to serve on the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee and to re-appoint existing committee members to another term.

ACTION REQUESTED

Staff requests approval of Resolution No. 26-5611 to appoint and re-appoint individuals to serve on the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee as outlined in Exhibit A.

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

Direction from the Metro Council has shaped the ongoing recruitment process to ensure the recruitment opportunity is shared as widely as possible and with the most updated stakeholder list.

Council direction is for the oversight committee membership to reflect the diversity of the region, be committed to the bond criteria of racial equity, community engagement and climate resilience and include members with experience on issues relevant to the bond and

the committee's work. This list of technical expertise and lived experience includes, but is not limited to finance, land acquisition, land conservation, environmental issues, working lands, tribal sovereignty and issues relevant to the disability community and the urban Indigenous community.

BACKGROUND

In February 2021, the Metro Council amended the Metro code to establish the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee and approved a slate of 19 members to serve on the committee to represent the region and bring diverse expertise.

Committee members can serve up to three two-year terms. Committee member terms end on May 30 and begin on June 1 every two years.

In 2021 when the Council established the committee, half of the appointed members were randomly assigned to serve a two-year first term and half of the appointed members were randomly assigned to serve a one-year term with the opportunity to serve three more two years subsequently. These members appointed in 2021 will be rolling off in 2027 and 2028 respectively.

in 2024, the Metro Council confirmed the Council President's appointment of seven new members.

ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit A to Resolution No. 26-5611 (list of individuals for appointment)