

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-5584, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DECLARING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF METRO COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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### **ISSUE STATEMENT**

On March 12, 2026, Metro Council President Lynn Peterson tendered her resignation from the Metro Council, effective March 13, 2026. Metro Code Section 9.01.030 requires Metro Council declare the date of vacancy by resolution.

Under the Metro Charter and Code, a vacancy on the Metro Council must be filled within 90 days of the date the office is vacant. Metro Charter Section 23; Metro Code Section 9.01.050(a). Accordingly, Metro Council has until June 11, 2026 to fill the vacancy in the office of Council President. Metro Code describes the procedures for Metro Council to fill a vacancy for the remainder of a term.

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

Pursuant to Metro Code Section 9.01.030, declare that a vacancy exists in the Office of Metro Council President, effective March 13, 2026. Confirm that Acting Council President Duncan Hwang will commence filling the vacancy as provided by Metro Code Section 9.01.050.

### **POLICY QUESTION(S)**

Does Council choose to provide more details about the appointment timeline in the resolution declaring a vacancy?

### **POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER**

1. Fill in the blank in paragraph 3 after Be It Resolved to include a date or some description of the timeline.
2. Strike paragraph 3.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommend Council approve Resolution No. 26-5584 and declare a vacancy in accordance with Metro Code. Staff recommend providing specificity of timing, if Council is confident in its proposed timeline at the time of adoption. If Council elects not to specify the timeline for appointment, Acting Council Hwang will determine pursuant to the provisions in Metro Code Chapter 9.01.

### **STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

On May 19, 2026, there will be a Primary Election for the Metro Council President term to begin the first Monday in January 2027. The Council could choose to fill the vacancy before or after those election results are known.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

None