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Minutes

Thursday, January 15, 2026

10:30 AM

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber;
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or
253-205-0468 (toll free),**

Council meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Deputy President Hwang called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

Present: 6 - Councilor Duncan Hwang, Councilor Mary Nolan, Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal, Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Councilor Christine Lewis, and Councilor Ashton Simpson

Excused: 1 - Council President Lynn Peterson

2. Public Communication

Matt Zmuda, Mult No Mo, shared intention to file a petition to gather signatures and pursue a ballot measure, proposing to consolidate Multnomah County and the City of Portland.

3. Consent Agenda**3.1 Consideration of the December 16, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes**

Attachments: [December 16, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

3.2 Consideration of the December 18, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [December 18, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes](#)

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

4. Presentations**Supportive Housing Services Reports: County Annual for Fiscal Year 2025 County and Quarter One Reports for Fiscal Year 2026**

Presenter(s): Yesenia Delgado (she/her), Supportive Housing Services Division Director
RJ Stangland (he/him), Finance Manager

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Attachment 1](#)
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Staff presented data regarding the supportive housing services program, including quarterly reports for the current fiscal year, as well as annual reports.

Councilor Lewis detailed issues that have affected mayors in the region about accessing information, parsing lengthy attachments, and different metrics across the three counties. Staff confirmed that future annual reports will have the ability to share more accessible and dynamic data as the program adds key performance indicators and continues to improve its reporting dashboard.

Councilor Nolan expressed concern about the per capita cost of providing services but appreciated the separation in the reporting between two populations, A and B, as defined in the original ballot measure.

Councilor Rosenthal focused questions on the spending category “safety on and off the streets” and rapid rehousing and safe rest villages. Staff delineated several types of housing in the continuum and the amenities associated with each and specified that “safety on and off the streets” only includes services, not shelter. Councilor Rosenthal also asked about the occupancy rate at units funding with Metro’s Affordable Housing Bond funds; staff noted that,

anecdotally, units serving the extremely low-income populations supported by the bond are not facing occupancy issues.

Councilor González highlighted the intersection of behavioral health and the state's responsibility for providing addiction management services. He and Councilor Rosenthal expressed support for a work session topic on the intersection. Staff notes that the oversight committee had also raised the issue.

Councilor Lewis described the flexibility in Clackamas County's homeless services system afforded by its streamlined structure. She expressed interest in better understanding the intensity of each service offered and the overall regional service level. She also raised questions about how individuals to move through the system and find success.

Councilor Nolan added to Councilor Lewis's remarks about program and placement success rates. Staff detailed the various reporting requirements before describing how clients are triaged and how their progress is measured. Staff made a point to note that triage often misses needed services which are added later.

Councilor Rosenthal shared concern for reaching youth under the age of 21. Staff explained that the data includes youth, as do various plans for spending funds.

Councilor González asked about county progress to reimburse contractors in a timely fashion. Staff referred to

oversight committee concerns and the Tri County Planning Body's employee recruitment and retention plan. Councilor González asked that Metro Council participate in joint board meetings with the counties.

Councilor Hwang highlighted that inflow for services is greater than outflow and asked the best way to communicate exceeding progress on goals at a time of increased homelessness. Staff pointed to roadblocks in specific parts of the system.

5. Chief Operating Officer Communication

Chief Operating Officer Marissa Madrigal updated Council on cities' and counties' compliance urban growth management and transportation functional plans.

6. Councilor Communication

Councilor Lewis thanked the Tri County Planning Body for their work. She asked for Council support to direct staff to develop concepts for ensuring water access on public lands. Council then discussed procedures for using staff time to support Councilor priorities.

Councilor González provided a brief summary of that morning's JPACT meeting.

7. Adjourn

Deputy President Hwang adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m.



Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor
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