

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 25-5523 FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE REGIONAL WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Department: Waste Prevention and
Environmental Services

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Length: Consent agenda

ISSUE STATEMENT

The Regional Waste Advisory Committee advises Metro Council on the management of the garbage and recycling system. The committee has four open seats due to expired term limits. Resolution No. 25- 5523 appoints four new members to serve two-year terms.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approval of Resolution No. 25-5523, confirming the appointment of members to the Regional Waste Advisory Committee for a two-year term that will conclude on September 30, 2027.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Regional Waste Advisory Committee advises Metro Council on the management of the garbage and recycling system. The policy committee is comprised of 17 members representing cities, counties, the public, and industry. Metro Code 2.19.130(d) gives the Metro Council President sole authority to appoint all members of the Regional Waste Advisory Committee. The appointments are confirmed by Metro Council.

The Metro Code establishes two-year terms for advisory committees. When RWAC was reconfigured in 2024, four members at that time remained on RWAC and kept their original term end date of September 30. However, the newly appointed members following the reconfiguration had January 1 – December 31 terms. To ensure term alignment among members in the future, it is expected that when these four members' terms end in September 2027, they will have their terms held over through December 31 or held vacant, if appropriate, so that all RWAC members are appointed for terms beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31.

Proposed Members

The following individuals are recommended to represent the interests of communities of color, a reuse organization that serves the Metro region and local governments in the Metro region.

Communities of Color Representatives

Alice Rotsztain

Alice is a certified Master Recycler and co-founder of the Master Recyclers of Color group. She brings extensive experience in waste equity and community-centered initiatives to the committee. In her role as Senior Project Manager for New Initiatives at Trash for Peace, she leads pilot projects that provide free bulky waste removal and redistributes furniture to vulnerable residents in affordable housing communities. Her expertise in community engagement, workforce development, and grant management will be an asset in supporting the committee's role.

Reuse Organization

Shaynna Hobson

As Director of Programs at Community Warehouse, Shaynna brings the expertise and perspective of one of the region's oldest and largest reuse organizations. For 25 years, Community Warehouse has worked to end furniture poverty by collecting reusable furniture and household goods and redistributing them to families in need—diverting large, useful items from the landfill. With three locations in Portland, Tigard, and Gresham, the organization uniquely serves a majority of the Metro region. Shaynna's experience highlights the critical intersections of environmental and social justice, demonstrating how reuse and waste reduction strategies can be most effective when paired with accessibility and equity.

Local government representatives:

Commissioner Martha Schrader, Clackamas County

Commissioner Schrader brings more than 20 years of experience as an elected official, with a strong record of serving on committees and advancing policies that support Oregon communities. Her representation of Clackamas County adds valuable balance to the committee by ensuring perspectives from the east side of the Metro region is included.

Commissioner Pam Treece, Washington County

Commissioner Treece brings decades of experience across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, with a strong record of advancing equity, housing, public health, and economic development in Washington County. Her leadership ensures that westside communities are well represented in regional decision-making. Commissioner Treece joined partway through an existing term, and this appointment will allow her to continue in this role for a second term.

ATTACHMENTS

None