



Metro

600 NE Grand Ave.
Portland, OR 97232-2736

Meeting minutes

Meeting: MPAC
Date/time: February 25, 2026
Location: Zoom

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Chair Kudrna called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Members Present

Commissioner Vince Jones-Dixon
Councilor Elana Pirtle Guiney
Councilor Candace Avalos
Councilor Jerry Hinton
Mayor Keith Kudrna
Councilor Brett Sherman
Board Member Sherry French
Commissioner Pam Treece
Councilor Rob Harris
Councilor John Dugger
Mayor Tim Rosener
Board Member Jim Duggan
Deputy Director Kirstin Greene
Council Member Ty Stober
Councilor Member Gerritt Rosenthal
Councilor Duncan Hwang
Commissioner Pam Treece

Members Absent

Board Member Miles Palacios
Mayor Denyse McGriff
Director Terri Preeg Riggsby
Ed Gronke
Board Member JT Flowers
Councilor Wil Fuentes
Mayor Brian Hodson
Mayor Marsha Kirk
Commissioner Diana Helm
Dan Eisenbeis
Councilor Member Mary Nolan
Mayor Joe Buck
Luis Nava
Omar Qutub

Guest

Clackamas County Commissioner Paul Savas sitting in for Commissioner Helm

Public Communications on Agenda Items

There was none.

Metro Council Update

Rosenthal provided the Metro Council Update on the following matters: Housing Acceleration Fund; Metro Economic Development Resolution; Oregon HB 4144 and other bills Metro is tracking, such as the Solman bill; WPES budget forum on April 15; Future Vision Artists in Residence presentation; Oregon Zoo bond projects; Mazama Newt conservation efforts at the Oregon Zoo

Rosener asked about Metro tracking the Sollman bill and if Metro is supporting it.

Rosenthal answered that Metro had not decided yet.

Committee Member Updates

Savas shared that Clackamas County is kicking off a series of engagements with the business community, starting March 11. They are partnering with multiple business chambers.

Malu Wilkensen, Metro Planning, Development, and Research shared information about materials forthcoming regarding a resolution to be considered by Metro Council declaring a heat emergency. The memo will be distributed in lieu of a presentation at the March meeting, since it's been canceled. The action item will be at MPAC in April.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consideration of the January 28, 2026 MPAC Meeting Minutes

Motion: Rosener

Second: Jones-Dixon

Savas asked for the minutes to be changed regarding Commissioner Helm's comments. Those changes were accepted.

Harris asked for the minutes to be changed regarding his comments. Those changes were accepted.

The consent agenda passed.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

2023 RTP Amendments to Include LPAs for Three Transit Projects: Introduction

Metro's Ally Holmqvist provided the presentation.

Future Vision Update: Engagement

Metro's Jess Zdeb and Laura Combs provided the presentation.

Pirtle Guiney noted that part of the Future Vision Commission meeting was practicing the engagement conversation. There was an invitation to all the members to make sure they're sharing this information with their jurisdictions. She encouraged everyone on MPAC to consider how to share this information with their counties, cities and districts so people can be involved. She suggested looking at the engagement documents from the Commission, as they were helpful.

Metro staff facilitated an exercise with a survey on places that matter to MPAC members. MPAC members participated in the survey.

Savas shared that the next phase is exciting. County staff have shared ideas with engagement staff on how to reach a broad audience in Clackamas County.

Greene is the Tribal Liaison at DLCD and asked staff how they will be engaging with the tribes. Staff committed to return to MPAC with an outline of what that consultation process with tribes will look like.

WEA Industrial Lands Proposal

The presentation was provided by WEA Members Elizabeth Mazzara Myers, Westside Economic Alliance; Jamie Stasny, Clackamas County; Jessica Pelz, Washington County; Steve Sieber, Trammel Crow; and Gabriella Frask, McKenzie

Hwang thanked the panel for the presentation. He also clarified for the record that Metro is supporting the Sollman bill with changes. He noted that Metro is considering some portions of Industrial Lands Proposal as part of its Economic Development effort and would like to have this come to the Metro Council.

Savas shared that land availability and suitability is important to Clackamas County, and they agree with the recommendations shared in the presentation. The region has been talking about this issue for a long time. When Damascus came into the UGB, the county recognized they needed to build out Sunrise to serve that area. He says they got no financial support for that infrastructure.

Eisenbeis thanked the group for presenting. He asked about how the Oregon side of the region accounts for the divergence we've seen since the pandemic both in population and employment growth between Clark County and the Oregon portion of the region. He is curious about their feedback on that question. He is also curious about whether there are highlights from the discussion at MTAC worth sharing at MPAC.

Stasny shared that this work hasn't focused on his first question. She said that they received pushback at MTAC. She said there are a lot of emotions around the bills in Salem regarding the use of land. There has historically been concerns about growth, but there was also agreement that we need to continue the discussion and talk about our assumptions in the methodology.

Harris said they generally support the recommendations and are happy to see this collaboration. He said it's hard to have these conversations, but even harder if you don't have realistic numbers. He hopes the presentation will go to Metro Council for consideration soon. He hopes this will come back to MPAC after that conversation.

Rosener thanked the team for their recommendations. He said Sherwood is supportive of the direction they're going. He said a lot of the way we do our planning is that the past is predictive of the future. If we want job growth, he believes we have to put in incentives. He wants to be aspirational and then plan for that.

Pirtle Guiney thanked WEA for convening the group and for the presentation. She said growth and land use conversations are always challenging in Portland, but there have been a lot of conversations regarding job growth and industrial lands. She understands the importance of counting land correctly. She also hopes we're looking at the different needs we have, because some of those smaller lands might be good for some uses. She also appreciates the recommendations on public investment on industrial lands. She hopes Metro can wade into this space in a way that creates unity.

Mazzara mentioned all the different economic development planning happening around the region and shared she believes this effort will be in lockstep with all the work that's happening. She said we need to understand the industrial lands we already have and how we can use them, as well as understand where we need to grow.

Treece said this work is transformational. She believes the most important part is developing a common language and common understating of what these lands are and how they match up with the marketplace. She'll be pushing for further action.

Rosenthal agreed with Hwang that he'd like to see this come to Metro Council. He referred to Savas' comments about infrastructure and asked Sieber if they account for the differences in transportation access. He asked if there is a way to include that in the grading criteria. Sieber responded there should be, as well as connectivity for workers.

Metro Council Economic Development Workgroup

Metro's Malu Wilkinson and Eryn Kehe provided the presentation.

Treece said she thinks the presentation was helpful and hopes the municipalities are being included in the conversation.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55.

Respectfully Submitted,

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