

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-5202, FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
CONFIRMING THE MEMBERS OF THE METRO REGIONAL WASTE ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE

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**ISSUE STATEMENT**

In March 2019, Metro Council adopted the 2030 Regional Waste Plan. As a part of the plan's oversight framework, the Metro Council established the new Regional Waste Advisory Committee to help guide the implementation of the plan's goals and actions. In September 2019, Metro Council confirmed the appointment of members to the committee, for two-year terms ending September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Metro Code requires that committee members be either reappointed for an additional term or that new members be appointed.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Staff requests approval of Resolution No. 21-5202, confirming the appointment of new members and reappointment of members for a second term to the Regional Waste Advisory Committee:

**Reappointments for second term:**

Sharetta Butcher: term ending Sept. 30, 2024  
Alondra Flores Aviña: term ending Sept. 30, 2024  
Christa McDermott: term ending Sept. 30, 2024  
Audrey O'Brien, Department of Environmental Quality: term ending Sept. 30, 2023  
Beth Vargas Duncan, ORRA: term ending Sept. 30, 2023  
Eben Polk, Clackamas County: term ending Sept. 30, 2023  
Shannon Martin, City of Gresham: term ending Sept. 30, 2022

**New appointments for first term:**

Peter Brandom, City of Hillsboro: term ending Sept. 30, 2022  
Arienne Sperry, City of Portland: term ending Sept. 30, 2023  
Lindsay Marshall, City of Tualatin: term ending Sept. 30, 2023  
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## **IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES**

Metro Council adopted the 2030 Regional Waste Plan to guide the development of the garbage and recycling system. The Regional Waste Advisory Committee helps advance two primary policy outcomes:

- Advancing racial equity by increasing access and representation in decision-making for historically marginalized communities
- Implementing the accountability framework set forth in the plan

## **POLICY QUESTION(S)**

None

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

None

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 21-5202.

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

The 2030 Regional Waste Plan guides the greater Portland area's efforts to reduce the environmental impacts of the products we make, use and discard, provide a more equitable distribution of services and benefits to communities of color and other historically marginalized communities, and ensure a high quality, resilient garbage and recycling system. To help achieve this, the plan identifies an oversight structure to include:

- Metro Council
- Metro Committee on Racial Equity
- Metro Policy Advisory Committee
- Metro Regional Waste Advisory Committee

The Regional Waste Advisory Committee is intended to:

- Provide input on legislative and administrative actions that the Metro Council or Chief Operating Officer (COO) will consider related to implementing the Plan
- Provide input to staff on development of policies, programs and projects to implement actions in the Plan
- Review and provide input on the status of implementing the Plan

The membership is structured to strengthen the likelihood that the committee will focus on outcomes that best achieve the public interest in terms of the plan's focus on equitable system benefits and services, and environmental and human health benefits. The membership is:

- Five city or county government representatives
- Three individuals representing the interests of communities of color and other historically marginalized groups
- One individual representing the interests of environmental or health advocates

- One user of the solid waste system
- One representative from the Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality
- The Oregon Refuse and Recycling Association's (ORRA) Metro-area regional director
- A Metro staff person designated by the COO to serve as Chair of the committee

## **BACKGROUND**

As described in Issue Statement and Strategic Context

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Exhibit A: Nomination letter and form for Arienne Sperry (City of Portland) – 2 year term ending Sept. 30, 2023

Exhibit B: Nomination letter and form for Lindsay Marshall (City of Tualatin) – 2-year term ending Sept. 30, 2023

Exhibit C: Nomination letter and form for Peter Brandom (City of Hillsboro) – 1-year term ending Sept. 30, 2022

Exhibit D: Reappointment letter for second term for Shannon Martin (City of Gresham) – 1-year term ending Sept. 30, 2022

Exhibit E: Reappointment letter for second term for Eben Polk (Clackamas County) – 2 year term ending Sept. 30, 2023

Exhibit F: Reappointment letter for second term for Audrey O'Brien (Department of Environmental Quality) – 2 year term ending Sept. 30, 2023

Exhibit G: Letter from Oregon Refuse & Recycling Association for second term for Beth Vargas Duncan – 2 year term ending Sept. 30, 2023