

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING ) RESOLUTION NO. 14-4592  
APPOINTMENTS TO THE METRO PUBLIC )  
ENGAGEMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE ) Introduced by Chief Operating Officer Martha  
Bennett in concurrence with Council  
President Tom Hughes

WHEREAS, in furtherance of Metro's Principles of Citizen Involvement, set forth in Resolution No. 97-2433, adopted January 23, 1997, and Ordinance No. 12-1294 amending Metro Code Chapter 2.19.030, the Metro Council established an Advisory Committee known as the Public Engagement Review Committee (PERC) to advise the Metro Council on the development and maintenance of programs and procedures to aid communication between the public and the Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, by a fair and open process, Metro has recruited applicants for PERC and the Metro Council President has appointed selected applicants consisting of members of the public, representatives of community organizations, and public involvement staff from local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Metro Code Chapter 2.19.030 requires that the Metro Council confirm appointments made by the Council President to Metro's Advisory Committees; and now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the following appointments by the Metro Council President to PERC are hereby confirmed to serve on PERC for the terms noted:

**PERC Members and Terms**

**At-large representatives from the region**

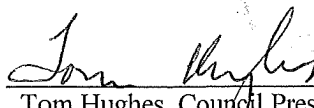
Three-year term:  
Samrawit Biyazin  
Aaron Abrams  
Luis Nava

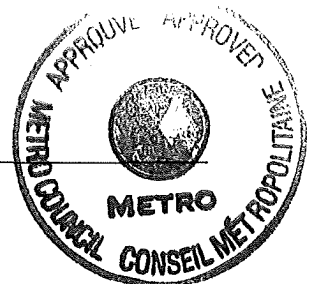
**Community organization representatives**

Three-year term:  
Sue Marshall

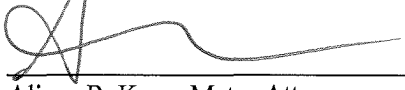
Committee terms will run from January to December. Recruitment to fill vacancies will begin each fall and the Metro Council will endeavor to **confirm and** appoint new members each December.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 11th day of December 2014.

  
Tom Hughes, Council President



Approved as to Form:



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Alison R. Kean, Metro Attorney

## **STAFF REPORT**

### **IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-4592 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE METRO PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE.**

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## **BACKGROUND**

By approval of Ordinance no. 12-1294, Metro Council approved amending the Metro Code regarding the Office of Citizen Involvement to dissolve the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement and establish a new standing public committee, the Public Engagement Review Committee (PERC). The PERC will convene at least twice a year and consist of at-large community members, representatives from three community organizations and public involvement staff from Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties.

The PERC serves as a key component of Metro's ongoing efforts to develop and implement successful public engagement processes. The committee will also assist with Metro's annual public engagement report, Opt In public engagement review survey and annual community summit.

## **ANALYSIS/INFORMATION**

In the inaugural year of the PERC, one community organization representative and three at-large community members were appointed for a one-year term in order to establish a rotation schedule. Eventually all positions will be appointed for three-year terms.

Two committee member terms are set to expire in 2014. One community based organization representative and one at-large representative.

Staff opened an application process and engaged community stakeholders, local agencies and jurisdictions to recruit committee applicants with public involvement experience, strong community connections and a diverse geographic and demographic representation.

Staff received five applications for at-large community member. This information was reviewed by staff against the following published criteria:

- A commitment to community involvement
- Demonstrated skills, knowledge or experience that apply to principles of citizen involvement adopted by Metro
- An ability to assist in representing the geographic and demographic diversity of the region.

After consulting with councilors and the communications director, staff recommends the following be reappointed to the PERC for full three-year terms: Sue Marshall and Luis Nava. Staff also recommends appointing two at-large community representatives: Samrawit Biyazin and Aaron Abrams.

## **ANALYSIS/INFORMATION**

1. **Known Opposition** None
2. **Legal Antecedents** Resolution No. 97-2433 establishing Metro's Principles of Citizen Involvement: Metro Code Chapter 2.19.030; and Ordinance No. 12-1294 amending Metro Code Chapter 2.19.030.
3. **Anticipated Effects** The appointments to the PERC will allow Metro to more successfully engage communities with Metro's initiatives, improve public engagement best practices and prioritize projects for public outreach.
4. **Budget Impacts** No budget impacts. Program needs are accounted for in existing staff resources and accessing Communications M&S included in the COO proposed budget for FY 2013-2014.

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Confirm the following be reappointed to the PERC for full three-year terms: Sue Marshall and Luis Nava.  
Confirm appointing two at-large community representatives to the PERC for full three-year terms:  
Samrawit Biyazin and Aaron Abrams.