

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING	)	RESOLUTION NO. 20-5105
APPOINTMENTS TO THE METRO PUBLIC	)	
ENGAGEMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE.	)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with Council President Lynn Peterson

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:

(a) the following appointments by the Metro Council President are hereby confirmed;

At-large representatives from the region

- Rebecca Fisher – Oregon LEAD Network
- Justin Pabalate – Development officer, Oregon Community Foundation
- Lukas Soto – Executive Administrative Assistant and Researcher, Kapwa Consulting

Community organization representative

- Mahmood Jawad – Urban League of Portland

County representative

- Cameron Ruen, community relations specialist, Clackamas County

(b) each community member and community organization’s term will run for 3 years, from January 2020 through December 2022; and

(c) Staff will begin recruitment to fill PERC vacancies caused by any expiring terms starting fall 2020, working toward new appointments by December 2020.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 11th day of June, 2020.



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Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:  
*Carrie MacLaren*

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Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney

## **STAFF REPORT**

### **IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-5105 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE METRO PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE.**

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Date: June 11, 2020

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## **BACKGROUND**

Metro's Public Engagement Review Committee (PERC) convenes three to four times per year and consists of at-large community members, representatives from three community organizations and public involvement staff from Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties.

## **ANALYSIS/INFORMATION**

The PERC serves as a key component of Metro's ongoing efforts to develop and implement broad, inclusive, informed and effective public engagement processes. Committee members are appointed to three-year terms on a rotating schedule.

The PERC bylaws call for at least three at-large community members and at least three representatives from a community organization. Terms for two at-large community representatives and one representative from a community organization have expired.

Current membership and conversations with PERC members led staff to recommend a recruitment of three at-large community members and one representative of a community organization. This recruitment would bring the membership to nine at-large community members, four representatives of community organizations, and three county representatives through 2020. Current membership and this recruitment establishes a standard annual recruitment schedule of three at-large community members and one representative of a community organization.

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 14 applications and recommended three new at-large community members and one new member from a community organization that best meet the following criteria:

- a commitment to community engagement
- demonstrated skills, knowledge or experience that apply to principles of citizen involvement adopted by Metro
- experience working with underrepresented communities.

After consulting with councilors, the communications director and staff, the Metro Council President has appointed the following individuals to PERC for three-year terms: Rebecca Fisher (at-large), Justin Pabalate (at-large), Lukas Soto (at-large), and Mahmood Jawad (community organization). In addition, Metro Council President affirms the Clackamas County appointment of Cameron Ruen as its representative.

## **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 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 FY 2019-2020 and the Acting COO proposed budget for FY 2020-21.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Confirm appointment of:

- two at-large community representatives to the PERC for three-year terms: Rebecca Fisher, Justin Pabalate, and Lukas Soto
- one community organization representative to the PERC for a three-year term: Mahmood Jawad, Urban League of Portland
- one county representative to the PERC: Cameron Ruen, community relations specialist, Clackamas County.



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April 17, 2020

Lynn Peterson  
Metro Council President  
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RE: Metro Public Engagement Review Committee

Council President Peterson:

On behalf of Clackamas County, I appoint Cameron Ruen, Community Relations Specialist, to serve as Clackamas County's staff representative on Metro's Public Engagement Review Committee (PERC).

Ms. Ruen has a background in communications and public engagement in Clackamas County and throughout the region, and will be a valuable resource to PERC. In addition to being involved in our county's equity development, her expertise in design, social media, web development and systems thinking will be useful.

Thank you for the opportunity to collaborate on this important endeavor. The Board of County Commissioners is committed to creating equity and social justice solutions, and desires to collaborate on policies that affect residents living within the UGB in Clackamas County. Equitable public engagement is a significant part of that strategy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary Schmidt".

Gary Schmidt  
Clackamas County Administrator

cc: Sue Hildick, Public and Government Affairs  
cc: Cameron Ruen, Public and Government Affairs  
cc: Chris Lyons, Public and Government Affairs