

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPOINTING NEW)	RESOLUTION NO. 21-5186
MEMBERS TO THE 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:

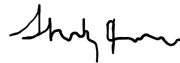
(a) the following appointments by the Metro Council President are hereby confirmed;

- At-large representatives from the region
- Carine Arendes, Washington County
 - Michael Foley, Clackamas County
 - Richard Gilliam, Clackamas County

(b) each community member’s term will run for 3 years, from January 2021 through December 2024;

(c) Staff will begin recruitment to fill PERC vacancies caused by any expiring terms starting fall 2021, working toward new appointments by December 2021.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 8th day of July, 2021.



Shirley Craddick, Deputy Council President

Approved as to Form:



Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-5186 FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPOINTING NEW MEMBERS TO THE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Date: June 21, 2021

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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.

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 three at-large community representatives and one representative from a community organization have expired.

RECRUITMENT PROCESS

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 seven at-large community members, three representatives of community organizations, and three county representatives through 2021. 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 eight applications and recommended three new at-large community members 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.

No community based organization applied during this recruitment; however, current membership meets the bylaws-required three representatives from community based organizations.

After consulting the communications director and staff, the Metro Council President has appointed the following individuals to PERC for three-year terms: Carine Arendes, Washington County (at-large), Michael Foley, Clackamas County (at-large) and Richard Gilliam, Clackamas County (at-large).

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 2020-2021 budget.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Confirm appointment of:

- three at-large community representatives to the PERC for three-year terms: Carine Arendes, Michael Foley and Richard Gilliam.