

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPOINTING)	RESOLUTION NO. 23-5313
MEMBERS TO THE NATURAL AREAS AND)	
CAPITAL PROGRAM PERFORMANCE)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer Marissa
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE)	Madrigal with the Concurrence of Metro
)	Council President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, at the general election held on November 5, 2019, Metro Area voters approved the 2019 Parks and Nature Bond Measure (“Bond Measure”), authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$475,000,000.00 for the purpose of funding natural area and water quality protection and to connect people to nature close to home; and

WHEREAS, the Bond Measure calls for community oversight and states that an independent community oversight committee will review bond expenditures and provide annual reports; and

WHEREAS, Metro Code Chapter 2.19.220 creates and governs the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee, which consists of 9 to 21 members, appointed by the Metro Council President and subject to confirmation by the Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 21-5155, the Metro Council confirmed the Council President’s appointment of 19 members to the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council President has reappointed 6 members to the Committee to serve an additional two-year term, as set forth in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council desires to confirm the Metro Council President’s appointments; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council confirms the appointments to the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee as set forth on Exhibit A.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 23rd day of February 2023.



Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:



Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney

Exhibit A to the Resolution No. 23-5313

**Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee
Committee Member Re-appointments for 2023**

The following persons will be appointed to a two year term beginning in 2023 and eligible to serve one additional two-year term thereafter:

Tana Atchley Culbertson	Co-Director, Willamette River Network
Burt Edwards	Director of programs at ReThink Media
Martita Meier	Digital strategist and project manager, Nike
Georgena Moran	Accessibility specialist, ACCESS recreation
Cary Watters	Contract Equity Manager, Portland Bureau of Transportation
Owen Wozniak	Land Transactions Program Manager, the Land Trust Alliance

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-5313 FOR THE PURPOSE OF RE-APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE NATURAL AREAS AND CAPITAL PROGRAM PERFORMANCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Date: February 7, 2023
Department: Parks and Nature
Meeting Date: February 23, 2022

Prepared by: Beth Cohen

ISSUE STATEMENT

Independent community oversight has been essential to Metro's accountability and delivery on promises made to voters in its funding measures. In February 2021, the Metro Council established the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee, charged with providing independent and transparent oversight Metro's use of capital funds from the \$475 million 2019 parks and nature bond, the parks and natural areas levy and remaining funds from the 2006 natural areas bond, and confirmed the appointment of a slate of 19 members.

Metro Council Ordinance No. 21-1460, which established the oversight committee in Metro Code section 2.19.222, states that the Committee will be composed of no fewer than 9 and no more than 21 members and that committee members can serve up to three two-year terms. In order to ensure continuity in the committee and to avoid having the entire committee membership turn over at the same time, half the committee members were appointed to an initial one-year term and half the members were appointed to an initial two-year term.

The purpose of Resolution No. 23-5313 is to re-appoint individuals appointed for a two-year term in 2021 to serve on the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee for a second term.

ACTION REQUESTED

Staff requests approval of Resolution No. 23-5313 to re-appoint individuals to serve on the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee.

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

The current makeup of the oversight committee reflects the Metro Council's direction for members to bring a deep understanding of conservation values and racial equity as well as multiple complementary backgrounds and knowledge across a range of topics including conservation, habitat and biodiversity, finance, working lands, understanding of the disability community and the urban Indigenous community and of issues around tribal sovereignty.

The Metro Council has asked the oversight committee to monitor how bond implementation activities are meeting the direction in the bond measure, to monitor financial aspects of program administration and to share with the Metro Council related concerns or recommendations to help adjust work moving forward.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Metro Council approve Resolution No. 23-5313 to re-appoint individuals to serve on the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee.

BACKGROUND

In February 2021, the Metro Council amended the Metro code to establish the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee and approved a slate of 19 members to serve on the committee to represent the region and bring diverse expertise.

The oversight committee has been meeting since April 2021 and has been focused on building the foundations for oversight work through affirmation of bylaws and group agreements, focused discussions on the 2019 parks and nature bond and programs within, and the three bond criteria. The committee presented its year one report back to the Metro Council in May 2022 and is beginning to work on its year two report back to the Metro Council.

In March 2022, the Metro Council approved re-appointment of 9 members initially appointed to a one-year term. Of the 19 members initially appointed, 14 are electing to continue to serve into 2023. Staff are planning to advance a targeted recruitment of new members in 2023 based on direction from Metro Council and reflection from existing committee members.

ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit A to Resolution No. 23-5313 (list of members for re-appointment)