

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE)	RESOLUTION NO. 23-5328
APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE)	
METRO COMMITTEE ON RACIAL EQUITY)	Introduced by Council President Lynn
(CORE)		Peterson

WHEREAS, in compliance with Metro’s Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (“Strategic Plan”) the Metro Council created the Committee on Racial Equity (“CORE”), approved its charter and confirmed the appointment of its two founding co-chairs on March 16, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the CORE is a Metro Advisory Committee under Metro Code Chapter 2.19.270; and

WHEREAS, by a fair and open process, Metro has recruited applicants for the CORE and the Metro Council President has appointed selected applicants consisting of members of the public who have a commitment to advancing racial equity and the skills, knowledge and lived experience to assist Metro Council and staff on the implementation and evaluation of the Strategic Plan; 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.

BE IT RESOLVED that the appointments of Abraham Vega, Chloe Rodrigues, Jeremy Thomas, Joseph Sullivan, Leialoah Kaula, Marcia Perez, Rebecca Rodas and Saerom Yoo by the Metro Council President to the CORE are hereby confirmed to serve for two-year terms through April 27 of 2025.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 27th day of April, 2023.



Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:



Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney

Exhibit A to Staff Report on Resolution No. 23-5328, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Members to the Metro Committee on Racial Equity (CORE)**Appointments to Metro's Committee on Racial Equity**

April 10, 2023

Table 1. Individuals appointed by the Metro Council President and subject to confirmation by the Metro Council to Metro's Committee on Racial Equity.

Name	County	End of term
Abrahan Vega	Multnomah	April 2025
Chloe Rodrigues	Washington	April 2025
Jeremy Thomas	Multnomah	April 2025
Joseph Sullivan	Clackamas	April 2025
Leialoha Kaula	Washington	April 2025
Marcia Perez	Multnomah	April 2025
Rebecca Rodas	Multnomah	April 2025
Saerom Yoo	Multnomah	April 2025

[STAFF REPORT FOR USE FOR WORK SESSIONS AND COUNCIL MEETINGS]

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-5328 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE METRO COMMITTEE ON RACIAL EQUITY (CORE)

Date: Thursday, April 6, 2023
Department: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Meeting Date: Thursday, April 27, 2023

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Presenter(s), (if applicable): [name, pronouns, title]
Length:

ISSUE STATEMENT

Resolution No. 23-5328 requests the confirmation of the appointment by the Metro Council President of eight new members to Metro’s Committee on Racial Equity (CORE). These appointments ensure that the CORE can continue to fill their role in advising Metro Council and staff.

ACTION REQUESTED

The Metro Council confirm the appointment of eight new members to Metro’s Committee on Racial Equity for two-year terms.

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

This action ensures that CORE can continue to fill their role in advising Metro Council and staff on the implementation of the Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. The appointment of the eight new members supports CORE’s representation of diverse lived experiences, and will contribute an array of skills and knowledge to support CORE’s mission. Additionally, the new members represent all three counties in the region, including two members from Clackamas County.

POLICY QUESTION(S)

N/A

POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Metro Council confirm the appointment of eight new members to Metro’s Committee on Racial Equity for two-year terms. The members recommended for appointment, county of residence, and term end date are detailed in Exhibit A to this Staff Report.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

The CORE is a committee that was created and chartered by the Metro Council in 2017 to advise the Council and staff in advancing racial equity to fulfill the purpose of good government, which is to serve all people effectively and create greater opportunities for people of color to thrive in the region. Further, the CORE was added to Metro Code as a permanent advisory committee in 2020. The CORE's purpose is to:

- Advise Metro Council on the implementation of the [Strategic Plan to Advance Racial, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion](#) and other racial equity strategies and initiatives,
- Provide the opportunity to meaningfully engage powerful community advocates,
- Maintain relationships and building trust with communities of color,
- Provide a concrete mechanism for keeping Metro accountable to its racial equity goals, and
- Play a critical advisory role in fulfilling the agency's commitments to Black, Indigenous and people of color communities.

BACKGROUND

In January 2023, DEI staff started the outreach process to recruit community members across the region, and a month later, received twenty applications. Both CORE co-chairs (Jamila Dozier and Tristan Penn) and four Metro staff (Anne Buzzini, Melissa Palavecino, Molly Cooney-Mesker, and Sebrina Owens-Wilson) reviewed and evaluated the applications received using the criteria in the CORE bylaws and charter. After thoughtful consideration and deliberation, the evaluators recommend eight community members for appointment, listed in Exhibit A to this Staff Report and the Metro Council President has appointed them to the CORE subject to Metro Council confirmation.

One of the goals from the prior 2021 CORE recruitment process was to support regional representation on the committee by reserving two committee seats for Clackamas County residents. With these new appointments, CORE will maintain those two seats of Clackamas County representation.

ATTACHMENTS

None

[For work session:]

- Is legislation required for Council action? Yes No
- If yes, is draft legislation attached? Yes No
- What other materials are you presenting today? [INSERT]