

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE)	RESOLUTION NO. 23-5370
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; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the appointments of Keisha Brewster, Quintin Kinnard, Temmecha Turner by the Metro Council President to the CORE are hereby confirmed to serve for two-year terms through December 14 of 2025.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 14th day of December, 2023.



Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:



Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-5370 FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE METRO COMMITTEE ON
RACIAL EQUITY (CORE)

Date: 11/27/2023
Department: Diversity, Equity, and
Inclusion
Meeting Date: 12/07/2023

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ISSUE STATEMENT

Resolution No. 23-5370 requests the confirmation of the appointment by the Metro Council President of three new members to Metro’s Committee on Racial Equity (CORE). These appointments ensure that the CORE can continue to fill its advisory role to Metro Council and staff on the advancement of the Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (Strategic Plan).

ACTION REQUESTED

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

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

This action ensures that CORE continues to fill its role in advising Metro Council and staff on the implementation of the Strategic Plan and the agencies racial equity strategies more broadly. The appointment of the three new members supports CORE’s representation of diverse lived experiences and will contribute an array of skills and knowledge to support CORE’s mission.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Metro Council confirm the appointment of three 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 Attachment 1 to this Staff Report.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

The CORE is a committee that was created 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 September 2023, DEI staff began broad outreach to recruit community members from across the region to fill three vacant seats and received 11 applications. The CORE co-chairs (Jamila Dozier and Tristan Penn) and three Metro staff (Anne Buzzini, Tabitha Miles-Kingrey, and Sabine Rear) reviewed and evaluated the applications received using the criteria in the CORE bylaws. After thoughtful consideration and deliberation, the evaluators recommend three community members, listed in Attachment 1, to the Metro Council President for appointment.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 to Staff Report on Resolution No. 23-5370, For the Purpose of Confirming the Appointment of Members to the Metro Committee on Racial Equity (CORE)

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Appointments to Metro's Committee on Racial Equity

December 14, 2023

Table 1. Community members recommended for appointment to CORE

Name	County	End of term
Keisha Brewster	Clackamas	December 2025
Quintin Kinnard	Multnomah	December 2025
Temmecha Turner	Multnomah	December 2025