

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING)	RESOLUTION NO. 24-5439
MEMBERS OF THE METRO REGIONAL)	
WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
)	Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with
)	Council President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, Metro is the solid waste system planning authority for the region and acts pursuant to its constitutional, statutory, and charter authority; and

WHEREAS, Metro Code Section 2.19.130 establishes the Metro Regional Waste Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Waste Advisory Committee advises Metro Council on policy areas, including, but not limited to, garbage and recycling system management, Regional Waste Plan implementation, and regional investment priorities for waste reduction, including the development of Metro’s Waste Prevention and Environmental Services budget and solid waste fees; and

WHEREAS, Metro Code Section 2.19.130(b) describes the membership of the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Waste Advisory Committee is comprised of 17 members representing cities, counties, the public, and industry; and

WHEREAS, five positions on the committee are allocated to local government representatives, with the balance consisting of four community members, one environmental or health advocate, one solid waste industry representative, one transfer station representative, one material recovery facility representative, one reuse organization representative, one staff person from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and two Metro Councilors as chair and vice-chair; and

WHEREAS, Metro Code Section 2.19.130(d) establishes the process by which members are nominated and confirmed; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council President has appointed nine members to the Regional Waste Advisory Committee to fill vacancies and new positions, and designated a chair and vice-chair, as set forth on Exhibit A, attached to this Resolution; 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 Regional Waste Advisory Committee for the two-year term beginning on January 1, 2025, and ending on December 31, 2026 as set forth on the attached Exhibit A.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 21st day of November 2024.



Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Carrie McLaren

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-5439, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONFIRMING THE MEMBERS OF THE METRO REGIONAL WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: November 5, 2024

Department: Waste Prevention and Environmental Services

Meeting date: November 21, 2024

Prepared by: Carly Tabert and Rosalynn Greene

Presenter: Rosalynn Greene, Strategic Initiatives Manager

Length: Consent agenda

ISSUE STATEMENT

The Regional Waste Advisory Committee advises Metro Council on the management of the garbage and recycling system. There are currently six vacancies due to term limits and three new positions as a result of the expanded membership. Resolution No. 24-5439 appoints nine new members to serve two-year terms.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve of Resolution No. 24-5439, confirming the appointment of new members to the Regional Waste Advisory Committee for a two-year term that will conclude on December 31, 2026.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

In June 2024, Metro Council expanded the scope and membership of the committee. These changes were made to increase collaboration and transparency and build trust in investments in regional priorities and budget and fee development. The policy committee is comprised of 17 members representing cities, counties, the public, and industry. Metro Code 2.19.130(d) gives the Metro Council President sole authority to appoint all members of the Regional Waste Advisory Committee. The appointments are confirmed by Metro Council.

PROPOSED MEMBERS

The following individuals are recommended to represent the interests of communities of color, environmental or health advocacy, users of the solid waste system, material recovery facilities, and transfer stations.

Communities of Color Representatives

Chieko Yoshihara

A certified Master Recycler (Class 88), Chieko brings expertise in event organization and education within the Japanese community in Portland. Her experience as a pharmacist in Multnomah County provides her with valuable insights into the health challenges faced by marginalized communities. Chieko is passionate about sustainable material management, inspired by her upbringing in Japan, and is active in promoting eco-oriented lifestyles.

Daisha Tate

As Operations Manager at North by Northeast Community Health Center, Daisha has partnered with Metro on waste management and health initiatives, gaining certification as a Master Recycler. She brings a strong focus on the intersection between environmental health and community disparities. Her experience includes serving on advisory committees focused on emissions reduction in Oregon.

Environmental or Human Health Advocate Representative

Fiona Conneely

Fiona is a staff member at Lift Urban Portland, a food security organization. She is passionate about waste diversion and food rescue, representing communities that are often excluded from good health due to systemic barriers. Her strong technical background and ability to interpret data will allow her to contribute valuable insights to the committee.

System User Representative

Laura Tokarski

Laura previously served as the Director of Trash for Peace and brings over a decade of experience in nonprofit management, waste reduction, and equity in multifamily housing. She has a comprehensive understanding of the region's solid waste system and has previously served on Metro's waste fee policy task force.

Private Transfer Station Representative

Kristin Leichner, Pride Recycling

Kristin is the President of Pride Disposal and Vice President of Pride Recycling, a family-owned company. She has over 20 years of experience in the solid waste and recycling industry and has worked closely with local and regional government partners. Kristin has participated in advisory roles for the implementation of the Recycling Modernization Act.

Material Recovery Facility Representative

Bill Kent, City of Roses Disposal and Recycling

Bill is responsible for growth initiatives at COR Disposal & Recycling. He leads projects on climate-positive innovations and works closely with community stakeholders. Bill has served on various advisory committees and is deeply involved in developing sustainable waste and recycling practices in Portland.

Local government representatives:

- Mayor Lacey Beaty, City of Beaverton
- Deputy City Administrator Donnie Oliveira, City of Portland
- Mayor Denyse McGriff, Oregon City

ATTACHMENTS

None

Exhibit A to Resolution No. 24-5439
Regional Waste Advisory Committee Member Appointments and Terms

The Regional Waste Advisory Committee is comprised of 17 members representing cities, counties, the public, and industry. Metro Councilor Mary Nolan will serve as Chair and Metro Councilor Christine Lewis will serve as Vice-Chair.

Each committee member serves for a term of two years. The Metro Council may reappoint a member for additional terms of one to two years through the appointment process set forth in Metro Code. The following nine persons will be serving their initial term of two-years beginning on January 1, 2025, and ending on December 31, 2026.

Member	Seat
Chieko Yoshihara	Communities of Color Representative
Daisha Tate	Communities of Color Representative
Fiona Conneely	Environmental or Human Health Advocate Representative
Laura Tokarski	System User Representative
Kristin Leichner	Private Transfer Station Representative
Bill Kent	Material Recovery Facility Representative
Lacey Beaty	Local government representative
Donnie Oliveira	Local government representative
Denyse McGriff	Local government representative