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## **Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 11, 2025**

**10:30 AM**

**Metro Regional Center, Council chamber,  
<https://zoom.us/j/615079992> (Webinar ID: 615079992) or  
888-475-4499 (toll free)**

## **Council work session**

**10:30 Call to Order and Roll Call**

Deputy Council President Simpson called the Work Session to order at 10:30 a.m.

**Present:** 5 - Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Duncan Hwang, Mary Nolan, Gerritt Rosenthal, and Ashton Simpson

**Excused:** 2 - Christine Lewis, and Lynn Peterson

**10:30 Work Session Topics:**

10:30 Supportive Housing Services County Fiscal Year 2025 Quarter One and Two Reports

Presenter(s): Yesenia Delgado, Supportive Housing Services Manager  
RJ Stangland, Housing Finance Manager

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)  
[Attachment 1 - Clackamas County FY25 Q1 Report](#)  
[Attachment 2 - Clackamas County FY25 Q2 Report](#)  
[Attachment 3 - Multnomah County FY25 Q1 Report](#)  
[Attachment 4 - Multnomah County FY25 Q2 Report](#)  
[Attachment 5 - Washington County FY25 Q1 Report](#)  
[Attachment 6 - Washington County FY25 Q2 Report](#)

Staff reviewed regional and county progress made in the first two quarters of FY25.

Councilors Nolan and Rosenthal clarified with staff aspects of capacity, utilization, populations served, and progress toward serving all residents in need of services. Councilor Nolan also asked about progress toward reducing the number of people in need of services; staff noted that need currently outweighs services provided.

Councilor Gonzalez supported additional housing units, then asked about federal funding cuts and for data comparing efficient spending and difficult-to-serve populations. Staff described how funds were used in the first years of the

measure to support shorter-term goals like rapid rehousing, while beginning investments in longer-term goals like permanent supportive housing.

Councilor Rosenthal asked about specific subpopulations and the process for defining a guiding principle. Deputy President Simpson provided an update on the Supportive Housing Services workgroup about guiding principles. Staff clarified that there are priority subgroups, like seniors, in practice if not represented in materials.

Councilor Hwang highlighted the need for a plan to reduce inflows into the program and asked about county funds spent on other related programs, pointing to the need for agreement on the entity responsible for that work. Staff agreed and reported that the President's Workgroup on the Future of Supportive Housing Services is addressing that responsibility. Councilor Hwang also pressed staff about county funds and transparency.

Councilor Rosenthal asked about the ability to provide services to people leaving institutional settings preemptively. Staff confirmed these options are permissible and exist, dependent on county programs.

Councilor Gonzalez suggested Metro lead more detailed reporting of program investments.

**12:00 Expo Future Quarterly Update**

Presenter(s): Craig Stroud (he/him), General Manager, Visitor Venues  
Stephanie Redman (she/they), Expo Future Project Manager

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)  
[Attachment 1 - Resolution No. 25-5450](#)  
[Attachment 2 - Resolution No. 25-5451](#)

Staff updated Council on past actions and Phase 3 project

updates, including cost estimates, scopes of work, engagement plans, solicitation of a public-private partnership, and interim investment plans.

Councilor Hwang asked the rationale for additional sports equipment, and staff noted that equipment is particularly attractive to youth and local sports and that local organizations could facilitate those resources for users.

Councilor Rosenthal asked about additional sports under consideration, and staff clarified that no sports are excluded, subject to scheduling.

Councilor Simpson asked staff to consider adding e-sports to the plan.

Councilor Gonzalez asked what actions Metro should take to support relationships with and investments from the private sector. Staff pointed to working with experts and existing relationships to position the venue better for repeated use with tight turnaround times.

Councilor Rosenthal and Councilor Gonzalez thanked staff for their service.

#### **12:30 Chief Operating Officer Communication**

COO Madrigal updated Council on HR opportunities for staff.

#### **12:35 Councilor Communication**

Councilor Rosenthal shared economic information from a recent meeting with Portland Metro Chamber and Deputy President Simpson asked staff to provide Council with the examples of other cities' approaches to homeless services from the SHS work group.

**12:45 Adjourn**

There being no further business, Deputy Council President Simpson adjourned the Metro Work Session 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anne Buzzini".

Anne Buzzini, Council Legislative Advisor