

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPOINTING NEW)	RESOLUTION NO. 25-5476
MEMBERS TO THE PUBLIC)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer
ENGAGEMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE)	Marissa Madrigal in concurrence with
)	Council President Lynn Peterson
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WHEREAS, by Ordinance No. 12-1275A, Metro Council established the Public Engagement Review Committee (PERC) to advise the Metro Council on the development and maintenance of programs and procedures to aid communication between the public and the Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, Metro Code Section 2.19.100 governs the membership of PERC; and

WHEREAS, Metro Code Section 2.19.030(b) provides that the Metro Council President will appoint members of advisory committees, subject to confirmation by Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, by a fair and open process, Metro sought applicants for PERC; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council President appointed two members of the public, two representatives of community organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council desires to confirm appointments made by the Metro Council President to PERC; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that:

(1) Metro Council confirms the appointment of the following at-large members from the region:

An Bui, Multnomah County resident
Muneeb “Muni” Kalenandi, Washington County resident

(2) The Metro Council confirms the appointment of the following community organization representatives of the region:

Morgan Dewey, Oregon Food Bank
Michelle Barrows Carter, Junk It Junk Removal, LLC

(3) Each at-large and community organization member's term will run for a maximum of three-year term, from March 2025 through December 31, 2027, with an option to renew once.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 20th day of March, 2025.



Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:



Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney

STAFF REPORT

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 25-5476 FOR THE PURPOSE OF
CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT
REVIEW COMMITTEE

Date: March 03, 2025
Department: Communications
Meeting Date: March 20, 2025

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Length: consent

ISSUE STATEMENT

Staff seeks the Metro Council's support in appointing new members to the Public Engagement Review Committee.

ACTION REQUESTED

Confirm the appointment of new members to the committee as follows:

At-large positions:

- An Bui, Multnomah County resident
- Muneeb "Muni" Kalenandi, Washington County resident

Organization representatives:

- Morgan Dewey, Oregon Food Bank
- Michelle Barrows Carter, Junk It Junk Removal, LLC

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

These appointments will fill the vacant PERC positions, consistent with Metro Code Section 2.19.100 and the PERC Bylaws. This will also create a membership that is representative of the diversity found within the greater Portland region.

POLICY QUESTION(S)

POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends the appointments of new members listed above.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT & FRAMING COUNCIL DISCUSSION

- Legal Antecedents
Metro Code Chapter 2.19, specifically Metro Code Sections 2.19.030 and 2.19.100 Ordinance No. 12-1275A, .
- Anticipated Effects
The appointments to the PERC will allow Metro to engage communities more successfully with Metro's initiatives and improve public engagement practices in alignment with Metro's Public Engagement Guide.
- Financial Implications (current year and ongoing)
Program needs are accounted for in existing staff resources and accessing Communications M&S included in the FY 2024-2025 budget. Additional staff budget resources to support staff would be required if the committee began to meet more often.

BACKGROUND

Metro's Public Engagement Review Committee (PERC) convenes a minimum of two times per year and consists of at-large community members, representatives from three community organizations and public involvement staff from Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties. This is in alignment with PERC Bylaws. Committee members are appointed to a maximum of three-year (36 month) terms on a rotating schedule.

The PERC serves as a key component of Metro's ongoing efforts to develop and implement broad, inclusive, informed and effective public engagement processes. This committee played an important role in the creation of Metro's new [Guiding Principles of Meaningful Public Engagement](#) between 2023-2024 and the review and adoption of Metro's most recent Public Engagement Guide.

The PERC will focus on advising Metro Council on the implementation and future updates to the Public Engagement Guide and discuss ways to make their impact on Metro engagement practices as meaningful as possible. The PERC has stated that meeting more frequently would be helpful for them, and they have an interest in having more connection with a Metro Council representative in the future.

Recruitment process:

An ideal recruitment would add members who would be collectively representative of the geographic and demographic diversity that exists in the Metro region. Staff is recommending the appointment of representatives who meet the following criteria:

- Community service: Demonstrated commitment to meaningful community involvement.
- Diversity: Collectively representative of the geographic and demographic diversity of the greater Portland region
- Equity: Demonstrated commitment to the advancement of inclusive outreach strategies that advance racial equity and make space for people of marginalized identities
- Experience: Demonstrated skills, knowledge or experience valuable to support Metro's public engagement principles

Additionally, the selection committee took into consideration applicant's ability to connect to other community members to amplify their voices on the committee and share out information about the committee's work.

Four community vacancies include at-large and community-based organizations, as well as two jurisdictional vacancies. Staff recruits for community member participation and jurisdictional representatives are assigned by their respective county Administrator or Chief Operating Officer.

Staff conducted outreach through social media, email, phone, and word-of-mouth to recruit applicants. The recruitment process for community representatives was competitive and involved regional outreach to individuals, non-profit organizations, and businesses. A staff selection committee composed of engagement professionals and a Metro Council policy advisor reviewed twenty applications before selecting the new members to be approved by the Metro Council President.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: New member biographies



Public Engagement Review Committee

New Appointees, March 2025

Community-Based Organizations

Morgan Dewey (she/her), Oregon Food Bank

Morgan Dewey (she/her) is an Asian American advocate and communicator dedicated to building an equitable world. She began her career in anti-violence work, supporting survivors before moving to Washington, D.C., where she worked on national advocacy efforts. Now based in Portland, she brings her strategic communications expertise to Oregon Food Bank, working to dismantle hunger and its root causes. Originally from Utah, Morgan is passionate about making complex issues accessible and action-oriented. In her free time, she enjoys exploring with her partner and their sassy dog, Esme, trying new foods, and watching a lot of reality TV.

Michelle Barrows Carter, Junk It Junk Removal, LLC

Michelle is the Co - Owner and Operations Director of Junk It Junk Removal, bringing over 13 years of experience in waste management, community cleanups, and business operations. She has successfully grown her company from a single truck to a full-service junk removal and environmental cleanup business, managing contracts with residential, commercial, and government clients.

Her expertise includes waste diversion, project management, and public engagement, ensuring efficient service delivery while addressing environmental and social concerns. She has experience developing strategies for large-scale cleanups, coordinating teams, and navigating regulatory requirements. Michelle is also skilled in problem-solving, workforce development, and implementing operational efficiencies that enhance service quality and community impact.

Committed to transparent and inclusive engagement, she seeks to contribute her business acumen, hands-on leadership experience, and deep understanding of waste management to public decision-making processes. As a Public Engagement Review Committee member, Michelle aims to help shape policies that are practical, effective, and responsive to community needs.

At-large members

Muni Kalenandi (he/him) At-Large

Muneeb "Muni" Kalenandi, a resident of Beaverton, is a lifelong activist and advocate for human rights for all. He has been organizing since his days as an undergrad, at the University of Rochester, where he served as the chair of the Gay and Lesbian Association, and was also active working for disability justice, and against apartheid in South Africa. He has been active both as a volunteer and in his career, working in NGOs, political campaigns, and local governments towards a more just society. He has worked for Sexual Exploitation



Education Project, as Program Coordinator; Council for Prostitution Alternatives, as Volunteer Coordinator; Tillamook Women's Crisis Center (Helping Hands), as Volunteer Coordinator; A Place of Our Own peer support drop-in center, in Tillamook, as a Board Member; Unite Oregon, on the Beaverton inclusive housing cohort, then as co-chair of the Washington County Leadership Council; City of Beaverton, on the Human Rights Advisory Commission; and Metro, on the Committee on Disability Inclusion. Even though he is largely home-bound and bed-bound due to disability, he is still engaged in volunteer work, and remains steadfast in his commitment to community and to making this world a better place for all of us to live.

An Bui (he/him) At-Large

An Bui is passionate about civic engagement. Having managed civic engagement education for immigrant and refugees and youth, he knows how important it is for people to be engaged with their local government, and has seen how that experience can also benefit the person engaging. Civic engagement reaffirms a person's sense of belonging, and helps to build knowledge and power in their community. After 10 years in the nonprofit field, he now works in government and for an elected office, which means he's seen how things work on both sides. He hopes to use all of these experiences, as well as his own lived experience as an immigrant, a parent, and a person of color, to improve civic engagement and foster a sense of ownership and belonging for all.