

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF RE-APPOINTING)	RESOLUTION NO. 25-5477
MEMBERS TO THE NATURAL AREAS AND)	
CAPITAL PROGRAM PERFORMANCE)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer Marissa
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE)	Madrigal with the Concurrence of Metro
)	Council President Lynn Peterson

WHEREAS, at the general election held on November 5, 2019, Metro Area voters approved the 2019 Parks and Nature Bond Measure ("Bond Measure"), authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$475,000,000.00 for the purpose of funding natural area and water quality protection and to connect people to nature close to home; and

WHEREAS, the Bond Measure calls for community oversight and states that an independent community oversight committee will review bond expenditures and provide annual reports; and

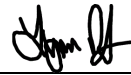
WHEREAS, Metro Code Chapter 2.19.220 creates and governs the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee, which consists of 9 to 21 members, appointed by the Metro Council President and subject to confirmation by the Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 21-5155, the Metro Council confirmed the Council President's appointment of 19 members to the Committee; 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 Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee as set forth on Exhibit A.

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



Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:



Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney

Exhibit A to the Resolution No. 25-5477

**Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee
Committee Member Re-appointments for 2025**

The following persons will be appointed to a final two-year term beginning in 2025

Tana Atchley Culbertson	Indigenous Community Coordinator, Portland Parks
Burt Edwards	Director of Programs, ReThink Media
Georgena Moran	Founder, Access Recreation
Cary Watters	Sustainable Procurement Program Manager, City of Portland
Owen Wozniak	Land Transactions Program Manager, Land Trust Alliance

IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 25-5477 FOR THE PURPOSE OF RE-APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE NATURAL AREAS AND CAPITAL PROGRAM PERFORMANCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Date: March 6, 2025
Department: Parks and Nature
Meeting Date: March 20, 2025

Prepared by: Beth Cohen

ISSUE STATEMENT

Independent community oversight has been essential to Metro's accountability and delivery on promises made to voters in its funding measures. The Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee, which provides independent and transparent oversight Metro's use of capital funds from the \$475 million 2019 parks and nature bond, the parks and natural areas levy, allows committee members to serve up to three two-year terms.

The purpose of Resolution No. 25-5477 is to re-appoint members who have been serving on the committee since it was formed in 2021 to their final term in 2025 to serve on the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee.

ACTION REQUESTED

Staff requests approval of Resolution No. 25-5477 to re-appoint individuals to serve on the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee.

IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES

The current makeup of the oversight committee reflects the Metro Council's direction for members to bring a deep understanding of conservation values and racial equity as well as multiple complementary backgrounds and knowledge across a range of topics including conservation, habitat and biodiversity, finance, working lands, understanding of the disability community and the urban Indigenous community and of issues around tribal sovereignty.

The Metro Council has asked the oversight committee to monitor how bond implementation activities are meeting the direction in the bond measure, to monitor financial aspects of program administration and to share with the Metro Council related concerns or recommendations to help adjust work moving forward.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the Metro Council approve Resolution No. 25-5477 to re-appoint individuals to serve on the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee.

BACKGROUND

In February 2021, the Metro Council established the Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee, charged with providing independent and transparent oversight Metro's use of capital funds from the \$475 million 2019 parks and nature bond, the parks and natural areas levy and remaining funds from the 2006 natural areas bond, and confirmed the appointment of a slate of 19 members.

The oversight committee has been meeting since April 2021 and has been focused on reviewing bond programs progress and overall alignment with the three bond criteria. The committee presented its year three report back to the Metro Council in November 2024.

Metro Council Ordinance No. 21-1460, which established the oversight committee in Metro Code section 2.19.222, states that the Committee will be composed of no fewer than 9 and no more than 21 members and that committee members can serve up to three two-year terms. In 2024, in resolution No 24-2408, the Metro Council approved the appointment of seven new members to the committee and re-appointed five additional members.

Parks and Nature is focused on maintaining a healthy committee membership over the life of the bond. The members originally appointed when the committee was established in 2021, who were either appointed to an initial one-year term or an initial two-year term, will be entering their final terms in 2025 and 2026 respectively. So, moving forward, Parks and Nature will focus on recruitment and onboarding of new members to ensure that the committee be continue in a sustainable and consistent way over the life of the bond.

ATTACHMENTS

None