



**TSCC Regular Business Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, July 17, 2024  
11:30 a.m.**

Chair Harmony Quiroz, Commissioners Wubbold, Donahue, Burton, and Lugo Knapp were present, as were Executive Director Allegra Willhite and Budget Analyst Tunie Betschart for this in-person meeting held in the Director Building, Second Floor Conference Room at 808 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Portland, Oregon.

Lunch from Elephants Deli was served to all attending, followed by strawberry shortcake from TSCC staff.

**REGULAR MEETING**

Chair Quiroz called the meeting to order at 11:34 p.m.

**TSCC Budget Season 2023 Retrospective**

Chair Quiroz asked for input about the last five budget hearings TSCC conducted in June. Commissioners expressed that the **City of Portland's** hearing felt a little less political this year, and all participants were considerate of the other speakers. The group discussed the inclusion of more questions next year on the use of the Clean Energy Fund dollars. TSCC Commissioners mentioned the need to ask about homelessness and the status of communication between city and county. Also, with the new government in the city next year, it would be good to ask some baseline questions so a comparison could be made in future years.

Commissioners felt the **Portland Public Schools'** hearing was a bit discouraging in that it seems like there is no answer to the shortage of revenue from the state except cutting staff or programs. The district hired former County Chair Deborah Kafoury as the new chief of staff, who will bring great connections and good experience to PPS. The new superintendent, Dr. Kimberlee Armstrong, was present at the TSCC Hearing and was very engaged. The district will postpone asking voters to approve a bond measure until May 2025.

**Mt. Hood Community College** will vote soon on when to place their bond measure on the ballot, either November 2024 or May 2025. The hearing was positive. The college seems to be in a good spot compared to other years. The leadership is stable and enthusiastic, giving thorough answers to the questions.

**The Port of Portland's** hearing was very interesting, as many projects were happening at the port and the airport. The Port offered to give commissioners a tour in late September or early October, and Executive Willhite will reach out to them to determine a date and time that will work for both the Port staff and commissioners.



**Prosper Portland's** hearing primarily followed scripted answers, so there was not a lot of back and forth discussion. Commissioners would like to encourage more conversation for next year. The Commission discussed a desire for more description in the Approved budget document than it currently has.

Executive Director Willhite had requested commissioners come to the meeting prepared to share their opinions/suggestions on what went well and what needed improvement at the hearings. Here are the results:

- Overall, the commissioners felt the hearings went very smoothly.
- The process went well. Commissioners suggested maybe consolidating meetings whenever possible.
- As a new commissioner, Commissioner Burton was pleased with the amount of information they received from TSCC staff before the hearing. He felt they were well informed about the district and its budget before the hearing and able to prepare meaningful questions of the district.
- TSCC's knowledge and understanding of the districts seem to carry more weight than in years past.
- There have been positive changes in preparing the commissioners for the hearing and the relationships with the district's governing boards.
- The number of discussion meetings scheduled would be better without scheduling any extra meetings. The commissioners would instead add the "late arrivals" to other already scheduled meetings rather than putting a meeting on the calendar and then canceling the meeting.
- Commissioners suggested changing the start time for meetings to 11:00 instead of noon because kids will be out of school earlier in the coming year.

### **TSCC Annual Work Plan**

In the interest of time, the executive director suggested moving the Annual Work Plan discussion to a later meeting, possibly in October. Commissioners were encouraged to carefully review the Fiscal Year 2025 Work Plan Draft and send her any desired changes or feedback to be included in the draft presented at the next meeting to finalize the work plan.

### **Wrap Up & Other Business**

#### **Commissioners transition for 2025**

- Chair Quiroz said she will continue to fulfill her duties as a TSCC commissioner for another year, which will help with continuity with the commissioners.
- Commissioner Wubbold will term out at the end of the year. Executive Director Willhite will schedule an exit interview for him.
- Executive Director Willhite emailed Ms. Rita Moore to confirm her application and timeline for becoming a TSCC commissioner. The plan is for her to replace Commissioner



Wubbold on January 1, 2025.

- Doug Waugh was also mentioned as interested in becoming a TSCC commissioner.

**Portland Arts Committee participation**

- TSCC's participation in this oversight committee is optional.
- Currently, Commissioner Wubbold is the TSCC representative. He gave a brief description of his duties and the role he has played.
- It is a minimal commitment of time.
- All positions are volunteer positions. The other members of the committee do not elect them.
- At the October meeting, the staff will invite the Portland Arts Committee chair to attend and give an overview of the organization and the representative's duties. Then, commissioners can make an informed decision about participation in the oversight committee.

The next meeting will be held in October to prepare for the tax hearings that will be placed on the November ballot.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:09 p.m.