



**TSCC Regular Business Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 22, 2024
12:00 p.m.**

Chair Harmony Quiroz, Commissioners Wubbold, Donahue, Burton and Lugo Knapp were present, as were Executive Director Allegra Willhite and Budget Analyst Tunie Betschart, all via Zoom meeting.

Absent: None

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Quiroz called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

District Budgets to be considered

Executive Director Willhite said the commissioners were scheduled to discuss the approved budget reviews and questions for the hearings for Multnomah County and the Multnomah County Library District.

Multnomah County Approved Budget Review and Hearing Questions

Executive Director Willhite gave a high-level overview of Multnomah County's budget, sharing the significant themes in this large two-volume budget. She described the resources the county receives and some expenditure changes, such as the Library's capital spending decreasing as the projects are completed. She described the expenditures for Pre-School for All, Housing and Homelessness, and the Burnside Bridge Planning.

Following the introduction, the commissioners discussed the questions to be asked at the hearing. Some suggested revisions to the questions were drafted via Google Docs before the hearing. They reviewed the suggestions and discussed others. During the discussion, they reframed some questions, changed the wording, and paired one with another. The commissioners also changed one follow-up question to a stand-alone question. They deleted a couple of questions and deleted parts of others. When the discussion on the county's budget ended, they had developed eight questions to ask and two questions to ask if there was enough time during the 90-minute in-person hearing on Wednesday, May 31st, held in the County Commissioner's Board Room.

Multnomah County Library District Approved Budget Review and Hearing Questions

Ms. Betschart gave an overview of the Multnomah County Library District's Approved budget. She said the budget was status quo except for a few changes. They have a permanent rate of \$1.2400 but will levy \$1.2200 in FY25 as they have for the past couple of years. She explained that the tax dollars come into the library district but are passed on



to Multnomah County through an IGA. The county performs all administrative duties necessary for operating and maintaining the Library. The district is seeing considerable growth in the beginning fund balance due to underspending. The Library's budget has two funds: a General Fund and a Capital Projects Fund. The money from the Capital Fund is passed on to the county to administer projects around the remodeling and renovation the district's libraries to help add needed space or equipment during the transition period. The county created a Public Service Management Program, including a limited supervisory position. The change allowed the libraries to change the structure of the Person-In-Charge role. Employees are no longer required to take on these duties. The person in the supervisory position will be given training on handling various circumstances, and they will assume those responsibilities. This program is a result of union negotiations.

Following the introductory statements, the commissioners worked on the questions to ask at the hearing. The questions and proposed revisions were discussed. The exchange of ideas resulted in adding follow-up questions, rewording some questions, renumbering one question, and adding more specific language. The result was the development of seven questions and one question to ask if time allowed.

Executive Director Willhite will send the revised questions to the Multnomah County and the Multnomah County Library District so they can prepare for the upcoming hearings.

There being no other business, Chair Quiroz adjourned the meeting at 1:13