



**TSCC Discussion Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, April 14, 2026
11:00 a.m.**

Chair Matt Donahue, Vice Chair Moore, Commissioners Burton, Kvarsten and Terry were present, as were Executive Director Allegra Willhite and Budget Analyst Brittanie Abayare.

Chair Donahue called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

Legislative Update and General Discussion

The meeting began with a discussion regarding current challenges in school funding, noting that several districts are struggling after spending down reserves in previous years. Executive Director Willhite provided an update on Oregon's Public Meetings Law, noting that the Governor was considering a veto on a bill that would have redefined the new serial communications law that limits the ability to edit documents prior to public meetings. The Commissioners discussed the technical difficulties the current law poses for collaborative work and agreed to limit pre-meeting digital comments to avoid quorum issues.

TriMet Budget Review and Hearing Preparation

Budget Analyst Brittanie Abayare presented an overview of TriMet's \$1.7 billion budget, which is decreasing by 12% this year due to a reduction in one-time bond proceeds. The review highlighted a reduction of 103 staff positions and noted that ridership remains below pre-pandemic levels due to a high rate of remote work in the region. TSCC found that TriMet's budget is in compliance with budget law and that estimates are reasonable. The Commissioners discussed and drafted several questions for the upcoming budget hearing.

Multnomah County Historical Society Local Option Levy Review

Executive Director Willhite reviewed the Multnomah County Historical Society local option levy, which currently accounts for approximately 26% of the Oregon Historical Society's total resources. The levy is not seeking a rate increase and continues to provide free museum admission to county residents. It was noted that the levy loses approximately \$1 million annually to property tax compression. Preparations were made for a public information hearing, with questions drafted to address the levy's history, the organization's strategic planning, and the impacts should the measure fail to pass.

Wrap Up & Other Business

The Commissioners finalized logistical details for the upcoming in-person hearings. There was a brief discussion on internal administrative tasks and lunch planning for the upcoming business meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

