



**TSCC Regular Business Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 23, 2024
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

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

Absent: None

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Quiroz called the meeting to order at 12:00.

Local Option Tax Levy for PPS and Urban Flood Safety & Water Quality Bond Measure

will be considered at this meeting.

Portland Public School District's Local Option Tax Levy will be discussed first. Executive Director Willhite gave a brief history and overview of the district's use and renewal of the \$1.9900 five-year local option tax levy, saying it has been at this rate for several years and is a substantial source of revenue for PPS. Property values, compression, and 3,000-plus teachers employed by PPS were discussed. The district anticipates it will raise \$107 million annually. The Community Budget Review Committee provides oversight for this tax levy. Every year, staff reports to this committee on how funds are used.

After the overview, they moved to the questions. They revised some, added follow-ups, and changed a rearranged one. They deleted a portion of one, changed the wording on some, and deleted a question entirely, ending with eight questions to send to the district. The questions were assigned to the commissioners. After this meeting, Executive Director Willhite will rewrite the questions to include the edits and email them to the district and the commissioners.

Urban Flood Safety & Water Quality District \$150 million General Obligation Bond Hearing was discussed next. Executive Director Willhite briefly described the district, stating they would officially be formed as of July 1, when all the drainage districts would unite to form one district, the Urban Flood Safety and Water Quality District. They are asking the voters for \$150 million in the May election to finance the building up of the Levee system to meet requirements. The district has identified many capital projects necessary to meet regulations. They are seeking funding through a combination of federal, state, and GO Bond revenue. There are updated requirements for levees, and there is a need to bring this system into compliance. Everyone who lives in Multnomah County within the Urban Growth Boundry will be taxed to pay for these necessary updates. The



district estimates the tax rate to pay the GO Debt Service to be \$0.11 per thousand assessed value.

After hearing a description of the bond, the commissioners reviewed the draft questions for the hearing. They revised, reworded, and added follow-ups to the draft questions. The results were eight questions and several follow-ups—also a couple of questions to ask if there was time. They were assigned to the commissioners. Executive Director Willhite will rewrite the questions to include the edits and follow-ups. After this meeting, she will email them to Urban Flood Safety & Water Quality District staff and the TSCC commissioners.

There was no other discussion or business, so the meeting was adjourned.