



**TSCC Discussion Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday, May 20, 2026
11:00 AM.**

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.

General Discussion

The meeting began with an election results review. The Commissioners discussed schedule logistics for a summer retreat, identifying the 2nd week of July as the optimal timeframe. Potential additions to the itinerary include a tour of Headwaters Farm or utilizing a meeting facility in East County, such as the new library branch.

Riverdale School District Budget Review and Certification

The Commission reviewed the approved budget for the Riverdale School District, which incorporates projected revenue from the newly passed local option levy. For the first time in 10 years, the district is asking for an increase in the local option levy rate to generate additional revenue. Total revenues show an upward trend, however, district expenditures are expanding faster than incoming resources. Financial pressures are further compounded by the expiration of their PERS side account. However, the district maintains a stable fiscal outlook with contingency and reserve balances exceeding policy targets, allowing them to preserve a flat full-time equivalent staffing count without reductions. The budget was found to be in compliance with local budget law with no recommendations or objections.

Chair Donahue motioned to certify the budget without recommendations or objections, and Vice Chair Moore seconded the motion.

Chair Donahue, Vice Chair Moore, Commissioner Kvarsten, Commissioner Burton, and Commissioner Terry voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Palatine Hill Water District Budget Review and Certification

The Commission evaluated the budget review for the Palatine Hill Water District. The district does not levy any property tax under its permanent rate, generating its operational funding solely through consumer water utility charges. To absorb significant wholesale price increases, the district implemented an upward water rate adjustment to pass costs onto its consumer base. The district adheres to a pay-as-you-go capital approach to avoid long-term debt, transferring operating funds into a System Improvement Fund for capital costs. The district's 24-25 fiscal audit remains delayed.

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Metro Budget Review and Hearing Preparation

The Commission conducted a budget review and hearing preparation session for Metro... Financial resources for the Supportive Housing Services fund are leveling off due to regional economic stagnation. The spending down of Metro's affordable housing capital bond proceeds on projects creates an overall budget reduction. Slower than anticipated tourism bounce backs are impacting visitor venues, pushing projected convention center, expo, and theater recoveries out to 2030. Solid waste fee revenues are dropping due to a regional construction slowdown. Consequently, Metro is implementing job cuts in central administration and its Waste Prevention and Environmental Services branch, alongside defunding the Metro Paint recycling program. The budget incorporates a new \$2 million operational stabilization fund for the convention center and a direct loan to Prosper Portland for a food cart project. The Commissioners discussed an independent audit report that explored project oversight and fulfillment on the Zoo General Obligation Bond. Hearing questions were drafted to cover affordable housing asset operations, supportive housing benchmarks, Parks local option levy renewals in 2028, general jurisdictional coordination, Zoo Bond independent oversight, and economic simulation forecasting models.

Wrap Up and Other Business

The Commissioners concluded the meeting by coordinating logistics for the upcoming dual hearings for Multnomah County and the Multnomah County Library. The Commission noted that the completion of the upcoming Urban Flood Safety and Water Quality District hearing will mark the midpoint of the annual budget cycle, leaving six active hearings remaining on the calendar.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.