



**TSCC Discussion Meeting
Minutes
Thursday, May 7, 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 and Calendar Update

The meeting opened with an overview of the upcoming Commission schedule. Executive Director Allegra Willhite noted that the Commission is entering its peak operational period for the month of May, which will require multiple discussion meetings and hearings per week before moderating to a steadier pace in June.

Multnomah County Budget Review and Hearing Preparation

Willhite presented the nearly \$4 billion Approved budget for Multnomah County, noting an overall fiscal reduction driven by the expiration of federal pandemic assistance and spend down of supportive housing services dollars. Revenues see slowing growth in this budget, and to achieve balance, the county is proposing widespread budget reductions, including the elimination of 95 positions within the health department. Significant adjustments were also highlighted in homeless services, where the reduction of 30 million dollars in city funding has led to a reduction of 605 shelter beds and department layoffs. This reduction is partially counterbalanced by \$10 million in one-time allocations dedicated to permanent housing transitions. Additionally, the county is entering its second year of administering state-supported addiction deflection services. The Commissioners discussed and refined the hearing questions, electing to defer general ambulance response metrics to focus instead on data integration, preschool allocations, and regional coordination regarding the Earthquake Ready Burnside Bridge project. The budget is in substantial compliance.

Multnomah County Library Budget Review and Hearing Preparation

Budget Analyst Brittanie Abayare presented the \$127.1 million budget for the Multnomah County Library District, which reflects a 1.5% increase driven by personnel and internal facilities costs. The upcoming fiscal period marks the conclusion of the 2020 capital bond program, resulting in all 19 branch locations operating at full capacity for the first time in years highlighted by the grand opening of the new East County Library branch. Total district headcount remains flat due to a reallocated staffing design. While the current tax rate remains stable at \$1.22 per thousand of assessed value, a planned increase to the \$1.24 maximum is anticipated by fiscal year 2028 to counteract declining commercial property values downtown. The budget was found to be in

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substantial compliance after staff proactively corrected a technical oversight regarding a contingency allocation inside a non-operating fund. Hearing questions were finalized concerning facility utilization metrics, security contract operational cost reductions, and collection balancing.

Corbett Water District Budget Certification

Abayare presented the \$2.6 million approved budget for the Corbett Water District, which represents a 6.7% decrease due to the exclusion of non-guaranteed grant revenues. The district successfully eliminated its long-term debt by making its final loan payment in December 2025 and reduced personnel spending by 15% by leaving an employee vacancy unfilled. To stabilize infrastructure funding, the board approved a 6.5% utility rate increase and transitioned to a strict per-unit pricing structure. The budget was found to be in substantial compliance with local budget law, and the independent audit report returned clean with no violations.

Commissioner Kvarsten motioned to certify the budget with no recommendations or objections, and Commissioner Burton 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.

Valley View Water District Budget Certification

Abayare presented the \$3.1 million approved budget for the Valley View Water District, noting a 6.9% decrease resulting from the under-budget completion of the Shattuck Windsor water line replacement project. A new 30-year regional water service agreement eliminated historical minimum purchase mandates, allowing the district to absorb a 22% wholesale rate hike from the Portland Water Bureau and maintain flat consumer rates for a fifth consecutive year. The budget substantially complies with local budget law, though staff noted that the independent audit report is late due to accounting firm employee turnover. Staff will suggest that the district explicitly state its total budget figure during future approval actions.

Chair Donahue motioned to certify the budget without recommendations or objections, and Commissioner Terry 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.

Wrap Up and Other Business

The meeting concluded with brief reminders concerning logistical tracking and materials distribution for the upcoming week. The upcoming slate will feature budget reviews for the East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, the Multnomah Education Service District, and the Urban Flood Safety and Water Quality District.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission

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