

Are you an engaged, curious and thoughtful community member with an interest in local government?

Do you want to represent your community by engaging closely with the budget process for large and small governments in Multnomah County?

Are you interested in learning about the budgets of City of Portland, Multnomah County, Metro, Portland Public Schools, water districts, fire districts, and more?

If this describes you, you might be our newest TSCC Commissioner.

Oregon Governor Tina Kotek is now recruiting for new Commissioners for the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission (TSCC).

Term of Service and Eligibility

The term will begin on January 1, 2026. TSCC Commissioner terms are for four years and can be renewed once. To be eligible to serve, a person must be a United States citizen and a resident and registered voter of Multnomah County.

About the Commission

The Commissioners are a cohesive and collaborative group of five community members appointed by the Governor. They work to influence the budget decisions of Multnomah County local governments and school districts. They do this by reading and analyzing the budget reviews prepared by TSCC staff, developing questions to ask local jurisdictions, and then conducting public hearings with the jurisdictions to explore budget and property tax issues.

TSCC is one of over 250 boards and commissions established by the state. Created by the legislature in 1919, TSCC has a long history of service to Multnomah County taxpayers, taxing districts, and elected officials as well as local governments and appointed and elected officials statewide. TSCC monitors and reports on the budgets, taxes, and debt of the diverse 43 taxing districts in the county. These include some of the largest local governments in the state (Multnomah County, TriMet, Portland Public Schools, City of Portland, Metro, and the Port of Portland) and some of the smallest.

Serving as a TSCC Commissioner is a unique opportunity for a thoughtful community member to influence the budget decisions of local governments. Commissioners are curious and knowledgeable volunteers acting on behalf of Multnomah County taxpayers. They find the work meaningful and rewarding.

Desired Skills/Knowledge

The Governor and the Commissioners want the TSCC to reflect the diversity of the community it serves and encourages anyone interested to apply. A background or prior knowledge of government budgets/finance and familiarity with local government is desired.

Commissioner Compensation

Per House Bill 2992 in 2021, TSCC Commissioners that self-attest as "qualified members", defined as members who are (1) not in full-time public service, and (2) have an adjusted gross income for the previous tax year of less than \$50,000, or less than \$100,000 reported on a joint income tax return, can qualify for a per diem compensation for each day which members spend time performing official commission duties (e.g. business meetings and hearings). Qualified members can also choose not to receive any compensation.

How to Apply

For information on applying to serve on TSCC, please visit the Governor's <u>Boards and Commissions Website</u>. For more information about TSCC, contact Executive Director Allegra Willhite (<u>allegra.willhite@multco.us</u>) and visit the <u>TSCC website</u>. Applications are due September 15, 2025.