

Date: May 26, 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: Bruce Warner, Board President



Subject: RESOLUTION NO. 21-05-18 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) ELECTING TRIMET BOARD OFFICERS AND CONFIRMING TRIMET COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

1. Purpose of Item

By adoption of this Resolution, the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) elects its officers and confirms its appointments to TriMet Committees.

2. Type of Agenda Item

- Initial Contract
- Contract Modification
- Other: Election of TriMet Board Officers and Confirmation of Board Committee Appointments

3. Reason for Board Action

Recent and anticipated changes in TriMet Board membership necessitate electing new officers and confirming new committee appointments.

4. Type of Action

- Resolution
- Ordinance 1st Reading
- Ordinance 2nd Reading
- Other _____

5. Background

ORS 267.120(1) authorizes the TriMet Board to elect its officers. In addition, TriMet Code 2.35 authorizes the Board President to appoint Board members to serve on various committees to help ensure that the Board effectively conducts its policy-level oversight of the affairs of the District. Committee appointments were most recently confirmed by the Board in June 2018 via Resolution 18-06-74.

Currently, Bruce Warner serves as Board President, Lori Irish Bauman as Board Vice President, and Dr. Linda Simmons as Board Secretary and Treasurer. President Warner will be completing his current term and leaving the Board on June 30, 2021.

Governor Kate Brown appointed two new TriMet Board members earlier this year: Thomas Kim and Dr. LaVerne Lewis. Dr. Lewis began her term March 4, 2021, and Mr. Kim will begin his term July 1, 2021. These changes in Board membership necessitate an election of new Board officers and confirmation of Board representation on committees.

Effective July 1, 2021, the new officers of the TriMet Board will be: Dr. Linda Simmons, Board President; Lori Irish Bauman, Board Vice President; and Ozzie Gonzalez, Board Secretary and Treasurer.

The newly appointed Board liaison members and role of the Committees are listed below:

- **Accountability Committee** – Thomas Kim
The Accountability Committee was organized in November 2013 to consider ever changing informational needs and to ensure that the agency's website contains the most relevant and useful information with due consideration to current issues. In addition, the Accountability Committee considers technological advances as they occur that can most effectively further these goals in innovative ways. The Accountability Committee is made up of appropriate staff and one Board member and reports its recommendations to the General Manager.
- **Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU)/TriMet Pension Trust Fund** - Keith Edwards
The TriMet Board President appoints a Board member to serve as a member of the ATU/TriMet Pension Trust Board of Trustees. TriMet's Chief Financial Officer and General Counsel also serve as Trustees, as do officers of the ATU. The Board of Trustees meets on a regular basis to accomplish the general objectives of the Trust, including diversification of investments. The appointed Board member updates the Board on any significant issues, as determined by the member.
- **Crash Advisory Committee** – Dr. LaVerne Lewis
This seven-member, statutorily-created committee identifies and reviews certain crashes involving TriMet buses/trains in an effort to improve public safety, build understanding and awareness of the reasons for crashes, and avoid future crashes. One Board member serves on the Committee and the remaining members are appointed by the TriMet General Manager for four-year terms.
- **Committee on Accessible Transportation (CAT)** – Keith Edwards
The CAT was formed in 1985 to advise the TriMet Board and staff on plans, policies, and programs for seniors and/or people with disabilities. The CAT has 15 community members: eight seniors and/or people with disabilities who use TriMet, six representatives of seniors and/or people with disabilities and one local government representative, as well as one member of the TriMet Board. All CAT members are appointed by the General Manager for two-year terms. Together with TriMet staff, the CAT develops an annual work plan to identify major issues and prioritize the year's activities.
- **Finance & Audit Committee** – Lori Irish Bauman, Chair; Ozzie Gonzalez and Dr. Linda Simmons
The Finance & Audit Committee assists the Board with oversight of TriMet's financial strategy and objectives, the integrity of TriMet's financial statements, the independent auditor's qualifications and independence, significant financial transactions, and TriMet's enterprise risk issues, programs, management practices, and initiatives to ensure that systems and risk management tools are in place and functioning effectively.

- Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC)** – Thomas Kim
 Established by the Metro Charter in 1992, MPAC advises the Metro Council on the amendment or adoption of the Regional Framework Plan, which includes issues surrounding regional transportation and management of the urban growth boundary. MPAC is composed of 21 voting members representing cities, counties, special districts, and the public and six non-voting members. A TriMet Board member serves on the Committee.
- Reimagine Public Safety Advisory Committee -- Dr. LaVerne Lewis**
 In the summer of 2020, TriMet launched the Reimagine Public Safety process, which was initiated by the General Manager's decision to redirect \$1.8 million to explore new community-based services to expand TriMet's safety approach. Numerous recommendations came out of that process related to training, mental health crisis teams, and increased presence of personnel on the system to make riders feel safe and welcomed.

The Reimagine Public Safety Advisory Committee (RPSAC) is a newly created committee formed as a result of TriMet's intensive efforts. Committee members are selected through a competitive process, operate under a charter, and are supported by TriMet staff. One TriMet Board member will serve on the committee. The RPSAC will bring together expertise, resources, local knowledge, and broad community experiences. Committee members will provide informed guidance and will assist TriMet in considering public safety issues and identifying solutions to challenges.

- Transit Equity Advisory Committee (TEAC)** – Kathy Wai
 The TEAC is an advisory committee representing a diverse cross-section of community leaders charged with providing insights and guidance to the General Manager on transit equity and transit access issues. The TEAC was organized in May 2013 to extend the agency's outreach and involvement to transit dependent riders, as well as serve as a link to community-based organizations. In 2018, TEAC was expanded beyond its 12 members to include more voices to enhance TriMet's equity efforts.

The TEAC provides direction on the agency's transit equity strategy, including input and guidance on equity issues related to Title VI and Environmental Justice analysis, service planning, operational and capital investments, improving service to transit dependent riders, and disseminating information about transportation services to community-based organizations, social service agencies, and the community at large. Committee members are appointed by the General Manager with one Board member serving as a liaison.

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WHEREAS, ORS 267.120(1) authorizes the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) to elect Board Officers; and

WHEREAS, TriMet Code Section 2.35 authorizes the TriMet Board President to appoint Board members to committees; and

WHEREAS, to ensure the continuity of efficient Board operations and administration following completion of the current Board President's term and the addition of new members to the Board, the Board desires to elect new Board officers to the positions of President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer, as well as publicly confirm the Board President's appointment of Board members to committees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. Effective July 1, 2021 Dr. Linda Simmons is hereby elected President of the TriMet Board of Directors, Lori Irish Bauman is elected Vice-President, and Ozzie Gonzalez is elected Secretary/Treasurer.
2. Effective July 1, 2021 the following TriMet Board members shall serve on or be liaison to the following committees:
 - a. Accountability Committee: Thomas Kim
 - b. ATU/TriMet Defined Benefit Pension Trust: Keith Edwards
 - c. Committee for Accessible Transportation (CAT): Keith Edwards
 - d. Crash Advisory Committee: Dr. LaVerne Lewis
 - e. Finance and Audit Committee: Lori Irish Bauman, Chair; Ozzie Gonzalez and Dr. Linda Simmons
 - f. Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC): Thomas Kim
 - g. Reimagine Public Safety Advisory Committee (RPSAC): LaVerne Lewis
 - h. Transit Equity Advisory Committee (TEAC): Kathy Wai

Dated: May 26, 2021

Presiding Officer

Attest:

Recording Secretary

Shelley Devine
TriMet General Counsel