Special Joint Meeting Minutes of:

MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE (MWVHA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS;
ORS 190 ENTITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meeting Location(s):
February 25, 2026

Via teleconference only (Zoom)

MWVHA BOARD

MEMBERS PRESENT
Chair, Polk County, Commissioner, Jeremy Gordon
City of Independence, City Councilor, Shannon Corr
City of Monmouth, City Councilor, Christopher Lopez, Alt. John Oberst
City of Salem, Mayor, Julie Hoy
City of Salem, City Councilor, Shane Matthews
CoC Collaborative Committee, Co-Chair, Christine Sommer
CoC Collaborative Committee, Subject Matter Expert, Toni Maries
Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion, LEAD Navigator, Mareis Dickerson
Marion County Housing Authority, Exec. Dir. Jason Icenbice, Alt. Christine Sommer
Northwest Human Services, Chief Executive Officer, Kim Leathley
Salem Housing Authority, Housing Administrator, Nicole Utz
Salem-Keizer School District 24J, Superintendent, Andrea Castañeda
West Valley Housing Authority, Executive Director, Christian Edelblute
Willamette Health Council, Deputy Director, Josie Silverman-Méndez

MEMBERS ABSENT
Vice Chair, Marion County, Commissioner, Danielle Bethell
City of Keizer, City Councilor, Soraida Cross
CoC Collaborative Committee, Co-Chair, Brenda Newey
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Tribal Council Member, Lisa Leno
Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency, Executive Director, Ashley Hamilton
PacificSource, Director, Marion & Polk Counties CCO, Zaira Flores Marin
Polk County Veteran Services, Veteran Services Officer, Eric Enderle
Salem Health, Director, Community Outreach, Tricia Frizzell
Union Gospel Mission, Vacant
West Valley Housing Authority, Executive Director, Christian Edelblute

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STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT

MWVHA Executive Director, Misty Bolger
Center for Hope and Safety, Sara Brennan
MWVHA Admin support, Cassie Bay
MWVHA Data Analyst, David Peak
SafeSleep, Lynelle Wilcox

WECOME

Chair Jeremy Gordon called the Special Joint Meeting of the MWVHA Board of Directors and the ORS 190 Entity Board to order at 2:02 p.m.

ORS 190 BUSINESS/ACTIONS

ORI GRANT AGREEMENTS

Chair Gordon introduced the agenda item regarding ORI contracts.

Executive Director Bolger and Chair Gordon provided background and history regarding the Oregon Rehousing Initiative (ORI) contracts. They summarized prior Review and Ranking Committee recommendations and explained the directive received from Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) requiring the Alliance, as the ORS 190 Entity, to execute grant agreements with the current ORI subgrantees.

Board members were provided the following materials in advance:

- ORI Intro and Background Memo
- 2024 ORI Review & Ranking Recommendation
- Clarification on Grant Expectations from OHCS
- Draft Grant Agreements for each proposed subgrantee

Discussion included:

- Clarification regarding OHCS expectations and timelines
- Confirmation that the agreements align with the OHCS Grant (#9232)
- Administrative responsibilities of the ORS 190 Entity
- Fiscal and compliance considerations

MOTION BY CASTAÑEDA:

To approve the proposed ORI Grant Agreements as presented and as directed by Oregon Housing and Community Services for the following organizations:

1. 2026-06 Center for Hope & Safety
2. 2026-07 Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency (Marion County)
3. 2026-08 Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency (Polk County)
4. 2026-09 Sable House

Seconded by: Corr
In favor: Castañeda, Corr, Gordon, Oberst (Alt. for City of Monmouth)
Opposed: None
Abstentions: Matthews (Alt. for City of Salem)

City of Salem, alternate, Councilor Matthews stated he was not fully confident that the action had been vetted by legal counsel and ethics authorities and, out of caution, elected to abstain from the vote. He indicated he did not necessarily oppose the agreements but preferred not to vote without additional legal clarification.

ZOOM CHAT MESSAGES

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gordon adjourned the board meeting at 2:12 p.m.

Jeremy Gordon, MWVHA Chair & ORS190 President	Date
Misty Bolger, MWVHA Executive Director	Date