Joint Meeting Minutes of:

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

Meeting Location(s):
March 3, 2026
Via teleconference (Zoom)

MWVHA BOARD

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair, Polk County, Commissioner, Jeremy Gordon
Vice Chair, Marion County, Commissioner, Danielle Bethell
City of Independence, City Councilor, Shannon Corr
City of Keizer, City Councilor, Soraida Cross
City of Monmouth, Alt. Rochelle Anderson
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, Alt. Christine Sommer
Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency, Alt. Shelaswau Crier
Northwest Human Services, Chief Executive Officer, Kim Leathley
Salem Health, Director, Community Outreach, Tricia Frizzell
Salem Housing Authority, Housing Administrator, Nicole Utz
Salem-Keizer School District 24J, Superintendent, Andrea Castañeda
Willamette Health Council, Deputy Director, Josie Silverman-Méndez

MEMBERS ABSENT

CoC Collaborative Committee, Co-Chair, Brenda Newey
Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Tribal Council Member, Lisa Leno
PacificSource, Director, Marion & Polk Counties CCO, Zaira Flores Marin
Polk County Veteran Services, Veteran Services Officer, Eric Enderle
Union Gospel Mission, Vacant
West Valley Housing Authority, Executive Director, Christian Edelblute
Youth Action Board, President, River Woods

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Salem-Keizer School District 24J, Superintendent, Andrea Castañeda

MEMBERS ABSENT

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Tribal Council Member, Lisa Leno

STAFF AND GUESTS PRESENT

City of Monmouth, Councilor, Christopher Lopez (observing guest only)
MWVHA, Executive Director, Misty Bolger
MWVHA, Admin Support, Cassie Bay

WECOME

Chair Jeremy Gordon called the special Joint Meeting of the MWVHA Board of Directors and the ORS 190 Entity Board to order at 12:00 pm.

SPECIAL JOINT MWVHA-ORS190 ENTITY AGENDA

Chair Gordon called for a motion to approve the meeting agenda.

MOTION MADE BY **CORR**
SECONDED BY **HOY** TO:

Approve March 3, 2026 Joint Special MWVHA Board of Directors & ORS 190 Entity Agenda.

DISCUSSION

None

VOTE

In favor: Gordon, Bethell, Corr, Cross, Anderson, Hoy, Matthews, Maries, Dickerson, Leathley, Frizzell, Castañeda & Silverman-Méndez
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

STATEWIDE SHELTER PROGRAM – REGIONAL COORDINATOR

Board Chair Jeremy Gordon introduced the agenda item regarding the Statewide Shelter Program Regional Coordinator competition. The Board previously authorized the Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance (MWVHA) to move forward in the competition for the Regional Coordinator role.

Chair Gordon explained that the purpose of the discussion was to consider how the Alliance should respond to a letter from Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency (MWVCAA)

proposing discussion of a potential partnership related to the Regional Coordinator role. The options discussed included continuing with the competition as planned or exploring discussions with MWVCAA regarding possible collaboration while remaining in the competition.

Executive Director Misty Bolger provided background information, noting that the Alliance had recently completed its interview with the Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) review panel. She explained that the Regional Coordinator position would include stable funding over several years and allow the Alliance to add staffing capacity. She also stated that staff supports maintaining open communication with MWVCAA and exploring whether a stronger partnership between the organizations could benefit the region.

MOTION MADE BY **CASTAÑEDA**
SECONDED BY **CROSS**:

That the Alliance remain in the Statewide Shelter Program Regional Coordinator competition and direct the Executive Director to engage in discussions with Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency regarding potential collaboration related to the Regional Coordinator role.

DISCUSSION

Several members expressed support for continuing discussions with MWVCAA in order to explore whether a partnership could improve coordination of shelter services across Marion and Polk counties. Members noted the importance of strengthening regional collaboration and improving navigation of services for individuals seeking shelter.

Some members emphasized that discussions should not be interpreted as a commitment to partnership, but rather as an opportunity to better understand MWVCAA's proposal and explore whether a collaborative approach could benefit the region.

Other members raised concerns regarding the proposal and the circumstances leading to the competition, emphasizing the importance of maintaining the Alliance's neutral coordinating role in the community. Some members expressed concern that entering into partnership discussions could complicate the competitive process or create uncertainty about organizational roles.

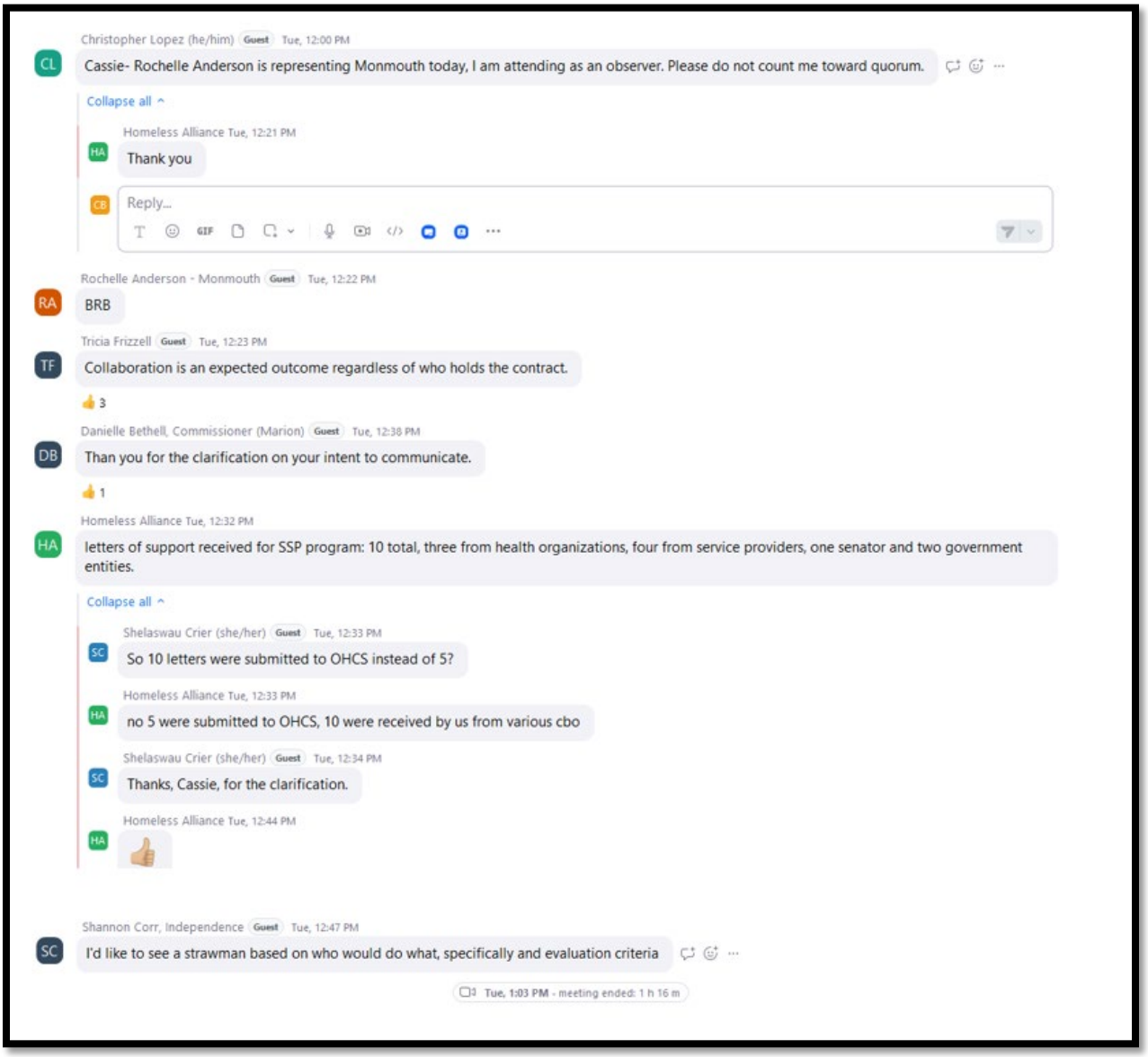
Members also discussed the limited timeline for the Statewide Shelter Program competition and the need for clarity about expectations and potential roles if a partnership were to be considered.

Throughout the discussion, multiple members reiterated that the motion would not withdraw the Alliance from the competition and would only authorize the Executive Director to have conversations with MWVCAA and report back to the Board if any potential collaboration warranted further consideration.

VOTE

In favor: Corr, Anderson, Maries, Gordon, Frizzell, Castañeda & Silverman-Méndez
Opposed: Cross, Hoy, Matthews, Bethell(2) & Dickerson
Abstentions: None

ZOOM CHAT MESSAGES



ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gordon adjourned the board meeting at 1:00 p.m.

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