Meeting Minutes of:

MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY HOMELESS ALLIANCE (MWVHA)
ORS 190 ENTITY

Meeting Location(s):
June 30, 2025
Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Government
100 High St SE, Salem, OR 97301
And
Via teleconference (Zoom)

ORS 190 ENTITY 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, City Councilor, Christopher Lopez

City of Salem, Mayor, Julie Hoy

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 Keizer, Mayor, Cathy Clark

MWVHA, Executive Director, Misty Bolger

MWVHA, Admin & Comm, Cassie Bay

WECOME

President Gordon called the meeting to order at 10:31 AM. The presence of a quorum for the ORS 190 Board was noted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MWVHA-ORS190 FY 25-56 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Bolger presented the budget for adoption, noting two changes to the resolution:

1. The date would be changed from June 12th to June 30th in all instances.

2. The contingency line item would be eliminated entirely.

Bolger explained that the $187,060 previously in the contingency line had been moved to restricted funds. She stated this addressed previous concerns about including a contingency with limitations.

Gordon called for a motion to adopt Resolution 25-01 with the amendments to change all instances of June 12th to June 30th and to eliminate the contingency line.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-01 WITH AMENDMENTS TO CHANGE ALL INSTANCES OF JUNE 12TH TO JUNE 30TH AND TO ELIMINATE THE CONTIGENCY LINE **MADE BY CORR.**

Seconded by: Bethell
In favor: Corr, Bethell, Gordon, Cross, Lopez
Opposed: None
Abstentions: None

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Bethell inquired about an update on the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGEC) process for board members from 2024.

President Gordon provided the following updates:

- OGEC decided to move forward with investigations and sent agreements for board members to sign, acknowledging they were "guilty" of certain infractions.
- Some members made slight changes to the proposed letter before signing them.
- Board members need to complete OGEC training.
- OGEC offered to conduct a special training for the board.
- Youth members were intentionally removed from the investigation.

President Gordon advised against using the Alliance's attorney for individual matters, as it could potentially be an ethics violation. He suggested sending out a universal update with consistent verbiage changes.

Commissioner Bethell expressed concerns about:

- Support for board members with lived experience who might not have access to legal counsel.
- The need for a disclaimer at the beginning of every meeting about how the meeting was noticed.

Bolger confirmed she had reached out to the individual board member with lived experience, who expressed frustration and disappointment with the process.

Chair Gordon acknowledged the heavy legal nature of the process and mentioned potential legislative fixes needed, particularly for volunteer board members. He noted a risk of decreased volunteerism on boards and commissions due to these issues.

Councilor Corr mentioned that the budget committee email included the attestation to the notice. She also inquired about following up with Councilor Martin Willis regarding the OGEC letter.

Chair Gordon suggested coordinating an OGEC training for the board and notifying members about the requirement and how to sign up. Councilor Lopez expressed interest in attending the special training.

ZOOM CHAT MESSAGES

00:28:38	Andrea Castañeda:	Jeez. I am so sorry. I was waiting in a team waiting room. I think it was user error, but I was here in spirit.
00:29:11	Danielle:	;-/ there's 2 links for the meeting invite- teams is one. Not sure why. 🤦🏻‍♀️ glad you made it.
00:29:45	Cassandra Bay:	I'm not sure why there was two. Sorry about that, I will make sure there is only one link going forward.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gordon adjourned the board meeting at 10:49 AM.