



REGIONAL SOLUTIONS

Regional Solutions Advisory Committee Charter Metro Region (Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties) DRAFT – 2024

Purpose and Charge

Regional Solutions is a uniquely Oregon approach to community and economic development that brings together the public, private and civic sectors to advance projects, solve problems, seize opportunities, and respond to emerging local needs. Adopted into statute in 2014, Oregon’s communities work in partnership between the state, local governments, sovereign Tribal nations, businesses, and community based organizations who come together to create durable solutions that serve Oregonians. The Regional Solutions Program is organized into regions that match Oregon’s eleven federally designated Economic Development Districts. Each Region has a Governor-appointed Advisory Committee that sets Regional Priorities and a cross-functional Team of state agency staff that works together to move projects forward.

Regional Solutions Advisory Committees (RSACs) are critical to advancing the region’s community and economic development goals. Composed of community leaders, Advisory Committees are tasked with identifying Regional Priorities for community and economic development, assisting with obtaining and connecting to resources and funding, and utilizing their local connections to advance regional efforts.

Regional Coordinators Embedded in their communities, Regional Coordinators serve as a conduit between the Governor and local communities, work with Conveners to support Advisory Committees and convene Regional Solutions Teams to ensure effective state government support to local partners. Coordinators provide the link between the RSACs and the Teams.

Regional Solutions Teams include state agency representatives from Business Oregon, the Oregon Department of Transportation, Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Land Conservation and Development, and Oregon Housing and Community Services. Other state agencies and partner organizations participate as necessary. These agency staff collaborate to solve problems, work on multi-agency projects and streamline access to state government. Teams also work in partnership with RSACs to advance Regional Priorities.

Geographic Coverage

The Metro Region includes Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties.

Advisory Committee Membership

The Metro Regional Solutions Advisory Committee consists of eight members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor. The Committee is comprised of:

- One local convener who represents the region and who shall serve as the Advisory Committee Chairperson
- One representative recommended by the League of Oregon Cities
- One representative recommended by the Association of Oregon Counties
- One person who represents local and regional business and industry
- One person who represents philanthropic organizations
- Three members representing tribal or community-based organizations.

Committee members shall serve staggered terms of four years. As the committee is established, two members appointed in 2024 will serve a one-year term and three members will serve two-year terms with the remaining three members serving four-year terms. Members may serve up to two full terms (a partial term consisting of more than 2 years shall be considered a full term).

Should the committee identify specific expertise needed to advance adopted regional priorities, the committee may request that the Governor appoint additional committee members.

Quorum

Quorum shall consist of a majority of the appointed members.

Advisory Committee Roles and Responsibilities

- Identify regional priorities for community and economic development.
- Provide a forum for public, private, and civic sector stakeholders to discuss, understand, and leverage resources to advance regional priorities and related projects.
- Consider, review, and recommend regional project implementation proposals.
- Identify opportunities to connect public, private philanthropic and higher education resources to advance regional priorities and related projects.
- Collaborate with Regional Coordinators to help inform the Governor and state agencies about community and economic development issues, opportunities, and policies and how they affect the region.
- Assist in identifying and recruiting candidates for governor-appointed boards and commissions to improve regional diversity on these bodies.

Compensation and Expense Reimbursement

Compensation will be paid to qualified advisory committee members, in accordance with ORS 292.495 and the RSAC compensation and reimbursement policy.

Subject to availability of funds, and in accordance with the RSAC compensation and reimbursement policy, committee members are eligible for reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties. Committee members

should consult the RSAC compensation and expense reimbursement policy for more information about compensation and expense reimbursement.

Decision-Making

The committee shall strive to make decisions by consensus (i.e. no one objects). Where consensus cannot be reached, decisions will be made by a majority vote of the committee.

Public Notice and Involvement

All meeting information and materials for Regional Solutions Advisory Committees will be posted at <http://www.regionalsolutions.oregon.gov>. Meeting agendas shall be posted at least 7 days prior to the meeting. For decision items, meeting materials will be posted with the agenda. Meetings will include an opportunity for public comment.

Meeting Schedule

The Advisory Committee shall meet no less than twice a year.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes shall be taken for all Advisory Committee meetings and shall contain:

- A list of all members present,
- All motions, proposals, and resolutions proposed, and their disposition, and
- Results of all votes/decisions.

Minutes will be posted on the Regional Solutions web page.