

Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation (ACSI)

Meeting Minutes

Friday, 2/24/23, 10-10:30am

Remote Access Only



Next Meeting

Wednesday, 4/12/23, 9am - 11am

ACSI MEMBERS PRESENT / PHONE

Derron Coles, Jona Davis, Koffi Dessou, Mara Gross, Samantha Hernandez, Tori Heroux, Tammy Lee, Sasha Pollack, Emma Sagor, Amanda Zuniga

MULTNOMAH COUNTY LEADERSHIP / STAFF / PUBLIC MEMBERS PRESENT

Nicole Buchanan, Tim Lynch, Sara Mihm (Office of Sustainability)

ACTION ITEMS

- **Office of Sustainability:**
 - **Sara Mihm** will format the approved annual letter and share it with **Mara Gross** and **Amanda Zuniga**, who will then send it with the **Board of Commissioners** and their staff.

DECISIONS MADE

- None

WELCOME, AGENDA REVIEW, ANNOUNCEMENTS

REVIEW ACSI LETTER TO THE BOARD AND VOTE TO APPROVE

- **Mara Gross** gave a shout out to **Adah Crandall** who provided language around the urgency to address the issues bright forth from ACSI.
- **Emma Sagor** expressed gratitude for the Health staff for coming to the transportation subcommittee meetings.
- **Sasha Pollack** offered her approval of the letter prior to leaving and to the formal vote being posed to the remaining **ACSI members**.
- Within the letter, **Emma Sagor's** name will be listed without affiliation. **Samantha Hernandez's** name will be included, as well.
- **Jona Davis** asked how the letter will be shared in addition to the website. The discussion included sharing it with relevant County staff and that we should have a follow up discussion about how else the letter can be publicized. Last year, there was [media coverage](#) of the submitted letter.

2023 ACSI CHAIR VOTE

- **ACSI members** present voted unanimously in favor of **Amanda Zuniga** serving as ACSI chair. **Amanda Zuniga** shared her experience on ACSI and that she is looking forward to working with everyone, and thanked **Mara Gross** for her leadership.
- **Jona Davis** requested a description of the ACSI Vice Chair. **Tim Lynch** said that there is nothing available in writing, however the following Vice Chair responsibilities were discussed:
 - Serving as back up and collaborator to the ACSI Chair, and providing assistance as needed.
 - Attending quarterly meetings with the ACSI Chair and the liaising Commissioner
 - Regularly discuss with the ACSI Chair what would be helpful for ACSI members or subcommittees
 - Collaborate with the ACSI Chair to project manage ACSI's annual letter
 - Provide support to new **ACSI members** and include folks who haven't historically been in these conversations
 - Finally, while subcommittee participation isn't required, **Amanda Zuniga** and **Mara Gross** opted to attend as many subcommittee meetings to better understand members' priorities.
 - **Amanda Zuniga** shared that chairing a subcommittee and working as a Vice Chair was challenging due to the time commitment of multiple meetings.

ADJOURN & NEXT STEPS

- The April 2023 quarterly meeting will include a vote for ACSI Vice Chair.
- **Mara Gross** and **Amanda Zuniga** will schedule a meeting with **Commissioner Rosenbaum's** office to have a more in depth discussion about the letter