

## ACSI QUARTERLY MEETING

<b>Date</b>	Wednesday, 4/23/25, 1PM - 3PM
	Remote access only
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Wednesday, 7/23/25, 1PM - 3PM

## ACSI MEMBERS PRESENT

- Will Bridges
- Jona Davis
- Juliae Riva
- Annabelle Rousseau
- Derron Coles
- Noelle Studer-Spevak
- Briar Wray
- Amanda Zuniga
- Samantha Hernandez

## MULTNOMAH COUNTY LEADERSHIP / STAFF / PUBLIC MEMBERS PRESENT

<b>Commissioner staff</b> Commissioner Singleton Salomé Chimuku	<b>Office of Sustainability</b> John Wasiutynski Tim Lynch Sara Mihm Monique Smiley	<b>Other Multnomah County staff, Public</b> None
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## ACTION ITEMS

- **Office of Sustainability staff:**
  - **John Wasiutynski** will organize an in person get together for **ACSI members** (optional: Commissioner Singleton and staff).
  - **Monique Smiley** will email **ACSI members** with draft Climate Justice Plan outreach materials to promote the public comment period.

## DECISIONS MADE

- The [subcommittee roster](#) was approved by **Briar Wray, Derron Coles, Annabelle Rousseau, Juliae Riva, Samantha Hernandez, and Amanda Zuniga.**

## WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS

- **Samantha Hernandez** shared the Building Resilience Lobby Day 2025 [RSVP form](#)

- **Julia Riva** introduced herself via chat: “Hey, I’m Julia Riva, she/they, Clean Energy & Environmental Grants Manager at PGE. I manage our transportation, renewables, and habitat restoration grants. Previously was on the transportation electrification team at pge for a few years. Sit on the Emerging Leaders Board at Oregon environmental council and also the rep for the Partners for sustainable Washington co. My news is that our annual renewable energy grant is opening for application May 1. Info here: [PGE Renewable Development Fund | PGE](#). Reach out if you or any other orgs are interested in learning more and applying.”
- **Amanda Zuniga** shared new job openings at Energy Trust via chat: “Couple of openings at Energy Trust! Let me know if you or anyone you know is thinking about applying <https://www.energytrust.org/about/work-with-us/careers/>.”
- **Derron Coles** shared via chat: <https://www.kijanicollective.org>
- **Briar Wray** asked for ideas about grant opportunities for planning for PCC’s upcoming Climate Action Plan update.

## REVIEW AND APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

- The minutes from January 22, 2025 were approved unanimously by all members present, with the exception of **Samantha Hernandez**, who abstained due to being absent during that meeting.

## CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS

- **Amanda Zuniga** was voted ACSI Chair by all members present.
  - **Julia Riva, Noelle Studer-Spevak, Annabelle Rousseau, Briar Wray, Derron Coles, Will Bridges**
- Jona Davis was voted ACSI Vice-Chair by all members present.
  - **Amanda Zuniga, Derron Coles, Will Bridges, Briar Wray, Annabelle Rousseau**

## WELCOME COMMISSIONER SINGLETON

- **Salome Chimuku** has been doing community organizing work for 16 years, including climate justice and engagement.
- **ACSI members** introduced themselves to **Commissioner Singleton**.
- **Commissioner Shannon Singleton** shared her priorities. She has done a lot of work with Living Cully and in housing justice to give ownership to mobile home park. Her background includes years of doing social work with people experiencing homelessness, including those experiencing domestic violence and youth. She believes that housing justice is racial justice and environmental justice. For about two years she spent time in the same firm as Salome working on transportation projects and running community benefits for Interstate Bridge replacement. Residents nearby construction need their windows closed; how can we get the interstate bridge project to pay for air conditioning for those residents impacted. She’s looking for community

benefits to be integrated into environmental documents. She really wants to be a support to ACSI, where she can be helpful in conversation not just at Board level but departments, and in relationships she has in the community. She spent about 4 years in Gov Brown's office doing housing policy. How can we think about building resilience hubs in black and brown communities and have the opportunity to withstand a major earthquake?

- **Amanda Zuniga** mentioned that in light of the budget cuts, ACSI members may be wondering how to share priorities that may not be on the surface, high priority, but how can ACSI help to uplift the intersections worked on to help others see the vision held by ACSI. Answer: looking for opportunities where there is an intersection. Take a look at some of the programs being proposed for reduction. There will be opportunities to do restoration. She wants to know if ACSI is worried about a reduction and why. She wants to be sure programs are prioritized that have the most benefit for BIPOC and LGBTQIA2S+ and if ACSI is seeing a disproportionately negative impact. As she's developing budget amendments and something is missing or there is ability to leverage investments or work that ACSI is moving forward (example: with libraries and county facilities) how can we think about resilience hubs?
- **Amanda Zuniga** asked how we can bring workforce development, thinking not just about the trades folks, but people who are doing data, leading design processes, thinking broadly, green and racial equity lens.
- **Commissioner Singleton**: workforce table with Jones Dixon align antipoverty programs with workforce training. Having community connections can be a job for example.
- **Commissioner Singleton** shared that the Chair's budget will be released in the next few days and that can be found [online](#).
- Kijani collective is looking at resilience hubs for the Black community, not just in emergencies, but also job training including folks interacting with black environmentalists. 5-10 years out, but need to hear from local government about how cultural specific resilience hubs might be received, especially by folks who might not be familiar with affinity spaces.
- **Commissioner Singleton**: at the state level, understanding of the need for culturally specific resilience/community spaces. Work somewhat derailed by Covid and other issues. Need to educate legislators about the positive impact of infinity space investments that solve the issues of reaching communities. So many benefits of working in that model. Salome also has a lot of partnerships at the state level to help navigate when the time is right.
- **Salome Chimuku**: One of the things that we can sense is how do we build relationships with advisory boards and committees at Multnomah County to feel that they are involved at the County's work at all levels, adjacent to their work? How do we build a structure where ACSI is as engaged as they'd like to be, like at the CEI Hub, infrastructure and transportation at the County. How can they ensure that ACSI is pulled into County work so that the County is engaging on climate? **Amanda Zuniga** shared that climate reparations has been discussed in ACSI and historically

underrepresented groups — what went wrong in the past and what are we doing? Amanda is happy to bring any topics to the subcommittees to get feedback to share.

- **Noelle Studer-Spevak** suggested that Commissioner Singleton send questions around resilience hubs or other topics so that ACSI members can provide their expertise or assistance to fill in gaps.
- **Jona Davis** shared appreciation for the Commissioner's lens, and where there is City and County overlap, she'd like any communications and a broader perspective to understand their perspective.
- As part of the interstate bridge replacement, completed a series of asset mapping, which was critical given the jurisdictional overlap, so many intersections that we don't always think about. Will reconnect with ACSI about workforce conversations that go beyond trades based.
- **Briar Wray** interested in linkages of workforce with PCC.
- **Jona Davis** recommended the Comm connect with Pat Daniels of Constructing Hope.
- **Derron Coles** mentioned the EnerCity Collaborative for K-Career program related to green building.

## REVIEW ANNUAL ACSI WORK PLAN

- The group reviewed a [draft ACSI work plan](#). **John Wasiutynski** highlighted the timeline of the County's budget process, legislative session
- Other workplans that have been shared with ACSI members in the past have been for the Climate Resilience and Air Quality and Climate and Energy subcommittees.
- **Amanda Zuniga** shared that she's excited for the group's progress. She requested that for any people unable to attend subcommittee meetings, to still communicate priorities and thoughts via email so that the work toward ACSI recommendations can still move forward and all members can be represented.
- **Jona Davis** shared her appreciation to **John Wasiutynski** for helping make the ACSI letter of recommendations more digestible prior to submitting it to the **Board of Commissioners**.
- **Amanda Zuniga** shared that both subcommittees have discussed community resilience, as it relates to energy, and the hope is to bring that issue to Commissioner Singleton. Given the current budget concerns, Amanda is interested in what can be done now to still move the work forward.
- **Juilliae Riva** shared in the chat: "After the board votes on the Climate Justice Plan, I would love to know what ACSI's role can/will be on that specifically to lead to implementation." **John Wasiutynski** responded by sharing the timeline for next steps for the Climate Justice Plan. The strategies in the plan are related to ACSI, so ACSI may be a voice on behalf of the community. In the plan there are 12 goals, with each goal having multiple related metrics. John imagines a regular cadence to report on those metrics to be outcome driven; ACSI can also help think through how strategies are prioritized, working through advocacy and being thought partners in implementation.

## CLIMATE JUSTICE PLAN (CJP) UPDATE

- **John Wasiutynski** introduced the [draft Climate Justice Plan](#) and shared the background of how the draft plan was created. He shared a variety of outreach that has been done to promote the draft plan and feedback, and asked **ACSI members** to help spread the word.
- **Monique Smiley** shared that public comment ends on May 11 but may be extended. She will send a follow up email to ACSI members with draft Climate Justice Plan outreach materials to promote the public comment period.
- **Samantha Hernandez** shared - Rumble in June - At the oil train rally there could be an opportunity for OS to engage with people about the CJP.

## SUBCOMMITTEE INTRODUCTIONS AND UPDATES

- **Tim Lynch** shared meeting time and background on ACSI subcommittees.
- **Noelle Studer-Spevak** shared that the conversations have been narrowing in scope, and among the conversations are defining what a resilience hub is and including others who have expertise in this area. They want to identify plans that exist, and look to see if there are gaps; what can we borrow from other plans, what can we help to integrate that exists. There is an opportunity to help the County identify the role that can be played, whether convener or participant.
- **Juliae Riva** asked if subcommittees are solely on topic or if they have been based on actions, like outreach, funding, communication, etc. **John Wasiutynski** shared that the subcommittees can be flexible and tailored to what members want.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

N/A

## REVIEW MEETING ACTIONS AND ADJOURN

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