

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-058

Authorizing the Appointment of a Member to the Homelessness Response System Steering and Oversight Committee.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- A. Under the Intergovernmental Agreement dated July 1, 2024, between Multnomah County and the City of Portland, the Homelessness Response System (HRS) will be governed by the Steering and Oversight Committee (SOC) and its two subcommittees.
- B. The SOC is responsible for the following: setting strategy and Key Performance Indicators; monitoring progress and performance toward goals; ensuring alignment of jurisdictional investments toward strategies and performance; adjusting annual goals at the completion of each year; assessing strategies based on performance; and reviewing audits of the various components of the HRS.
- C. The SOC is composed of five voting members – the County Chair, the City Mayor, one County Commissioner, one member of City Council, and an east Multnomah County city elected Mayor. The SOC will also include five non-voting members: one business sector representative (nominated by any business chamber of commerce located in Multnomah County), one behavioral health expert that is not a current provider with the Parties (nominated by the County), a Supportive Housing Services (SHS) taxpayer (who is a non-Portland resident), the CEO of Health Share Oregon, and the CEO of Home Forward.
- D. The County Chair will serve as the chairperson of the SOC.
- E. The City Mayor will select the member from City Council and the County Chair will appoint the member from the County Commission. The Parties will jointly approve the business sector representative, behavioral health expert, and SHS taxpayer.
- F. Omar K. Salomon has been nominated by the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber to serve as the SOC's business sector representative. He completed an interest application and an interview with staff.
- G. Mr. Salomon is the founder and CEO of XoCOTL, and oversees the day-to-day operations of a small business (food establishment) with two locations in Portland, Oregon. He brings a deep understanding of housing and homelessness from his time working for Northwest Housing Alternatives and 211info. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors and treasurer for Hacienda Community Development.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. Omar K. Salomon is appointed to the SOC seat for a business representative.
2. This appointment will last for one year.

ADOPTED this 17th day of September, 2026.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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