

## Metro Exposition and Recreation Commission

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Made up of seven business and civic leaders committed to the region's cultural and economic vitality, the Metro Exposition and Recreation Commission works to protect the public investment in Metro's visitor venues.

### Meet the commissioners

Learn about the seven members of the Metro Exposition and Recreation Commission.

Chris Erickson, chair  
Judie Hammerstad, vice chair  
Terry Goldman, secretary treasurer  
Elisa Dozono  
Cynthia Haruyama  
Ray Leary  
Karis Stoudamire-Phillips

### Meetings

The Metro Exposition and Recreation Commission holds regular meetings on the first Wednesday of the month starting at 12:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend any regular or special meeting of the commission, and public testimony is welcome at regular meetings. [Go to the calendar](#)

### Meeting materials

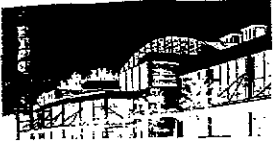
The commission adopts policies and takes action by resolutions at its public meetings. The agenda lists *proposed resolutions by title and other actions or information for consideration*. The agenda and meeting packet are posted online on the Monday before a regular meeting. Minutes for regular meetings are posted after they are approved by the commission. [View meeting materials](#)

### Appointment

Commissioners are appointed by the Metro Council upon recommendation from local area governments. The commission includes seven members representing the city of Portland (two), Metro (two), and one each for Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties. The commissioners serve four-year terms. [Meet the commissioners](#)

### Economic and fiscal impact reports

New analysis of the Oregon Convention Center, Portland Expo Center, Portland Center for the Performing Arts and Oregon Zoo concludes that the public investment in these regional facilities generates a healthy return. Combined, in FY 2011, the venues generated \$613 million in regional spending, sustained 6,040 local jobs and produced \$19 million in state and local taxes. Individual venue reports and an executive summary are accessible below.



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## Metro | Exposition Recreation Commission

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June 10, 2013

✓ John Ludlow, Chair,  
Commissioners Jim Bernard,  
Paul Savis, Martha Schrader, Tootie Smith,  
Clackamas County Board of Commissioners  
2051 Kaen Road  
Oregon City, OR 97045

Dear Chair Ludlow and Commissioners:

I am writing today regarding my current term as the representative from Clackamas County on the Metropolitan Exposition and Recreation Commission (MERC) which ends on December 31<sup>st</sup> of this year. I have greatly enjoyed serving on behalf of Clackamas County these past four years and would be honored to receive reappointment to the Commission starting January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2017.

The responsibilities of a MERC commissioner are to provide oversight through budget and policy to Metro Council regarding the performing arts venues: Keller Auditorium, the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, the Newmark Theater, as well as Portland Expo and the Oregon Convention Center. This has been done through prudent financial decisions and successful operations of the venues.

Attached is a draft letter to Metro Council President, Tom Hughes, with the request. You are welcome to forward it to President Hughes if the Board of Commissioners agrees to my reappointment.

Please contact me should you have any questions or concerns. I will look forward to hearing your decision.

Sincerely,

Judie Hammerstad  
MERC Commissioner representing Clackamas County

cc: Colin Deverell  
Andy Shaw