


**Date:** July 24, 2024

**To:** Board of Directors

**From:** Ozzie Gonzalez, Board President 

**Subject:** **RESOLUTION NO. 24-07-39 OF THE TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT OF OREGON (TRIMET) ENDORSING THE STATEMENT OF BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES AND CODE OF CONDUCT**

**1. Purpose of Item**

This Resolution demonstrates the endorsement by the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) of the *Statement of Individual Board Member’s Responsibilities and Code of Conduct – 2024-2025*, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and each Board member’s commitment to adhere to the same during his or her service on the Board.

**2. Type of Agenda Item**

- Initial Contract
- Contract Modification
- Other: Resolution Endorsing Board Member Responsibilities and Code of Conduct

**3. Reason for Board Action**

A demonstration of each Board member’s commitment to the Statement of Responsibilities and Code of Conduct provides clarity, enhances public confidence in the integrity of Board actions, and promotes mutual respect within the Board.

**4. Type of Action**

- Resolution
- Ordinance 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
- Ordinance 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Background**

In keeping with past years, TriMet staff prepared the *Statement of Individual Board Member’s Responsibilities and Code of Conduct* for 2024-2025 (Code of Conduct), attached hereto as Exhibit A, so that it could be formally and publicly endorsed by the Board.

The proposed Code of Conduct is virtually identical to the 2023-2024 version, with one substantive addition: Under section B, Ethics, a new provision expressly confirms that Board members will not use their positions on the TriMet Board for financial gain or benefit. This addition aligns the Code of Conduct with the prohibitions of ORS 244.040.

**6. Diversity**

The Board's commitment to diversity is incorporated in the Code of Conduct and included in the Board's oversight of TriMet's Vision, Mission and Values.

**7. Financial/Budget Impact**

Not Applicable.

**8. Impact if Not Approved**

The Code of Conduct creates certainty regarding roles, responsibilities and legal and ethical obligations. Failure of the Board to adopt this Resolution could cause some to question the Board's commitment to regular attendance and participation at Board and committee meetings, appropriate and ethical conduct, and fundamental values of the Agency.

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**WHEREAS**, the members of the TriMet Board of Directors (Board) are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, and are public officials held to the highest standards of ethics, honesty, integrity and service to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the individual members of the Board desire to publicly demonstrate their commitment to uphold the standards set forth in the *Statement of Individual Board Member's Responsibilities and Code of Conduct*;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. The TriMet Board of Directors hereby endorses the *Statement of Individual Board Member's Responsibilities and Code of Conduct – 2024-2025*, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and each Board member commits to adhere to its standards, as shown by the signature of each on a true copy of the same, which shall be kept on file in the office of the General Manager.

Dated: July 24, 2024



Presiding Officer

Attest:

*Falesha Thrash*  
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Recording Secretary

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency:

*Gregory E. Skiba*  
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Legal Department