Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens’
Oversight Committee Charter

A. Zoo Bond Citizens’ Oversight Committee Authorizing Ordinance in Metro Code
The Metro Council established the Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens’ Oversight Committee (Oversight Committee) on January 21, 2010, by amending Metro Code Chapter 2.19 via Ordinance No. 10-1232.

B. Oversight Committee’s Purpose and Authority
The purpose and authority of the Oversight Committee is to convene periodically to review progress on the Oregon Zoo Bond Measure 26-96 project improvements, monitor spending (“Program Progress”), and consider and recommend project modifications if inflationary increases in construction costs exceed current budget estimates. The Oversight Committee shall report annually to the Metro Council regarding such Program Progress, which report shall set forth the Oversight Committee’s recommendations for project modifications, if any.

C. Period of Time Necessary for the Oversight Committee to Carry Out its Purpose
The Oversight Committee shall be dissolved on July 1, 2025, or upon the issuance of a final report by the Committee after all funds authorized by the Oregon Zoo Bond Measure 26-96 have been spent, whichever is earlier.

D. Frequency of Meetings
The Oversight Committee shall meet no fewer than two times per year. Meetings shall be held at a time and location to be determined by the Chair.

E. Membership
The Oversight Committee shall be composed of no fewer than 13 and no more than 19 members, to be appointed by the Metro Council President subject to Metro Council confirmation. The Oversight Committee’s members shall primarily be professionals with experience in construction, sustainability, finance, auditing, public budgeting, banking and general business.

A portion of initial Oversight Committee members shall be appointed to serve a one-year term, and may be reappointed to serve up to two additional two-year terms, and the other portion of the initial Oversight Committee members shall be appointed to serve a two-year term, and may be reappointed to serve up to one additional two-year term.

F. Chair and Vice Chair
The Metro Council President shall designate one member to serve as Chair of the Oversight Committee. The Chair shall preside over meetings of the Oversight Committee. When the Oversight Committee is not in session, the Chair’s duties include acting as its representative and spokesperson.

The Chair shall appoint a member of the Oversight Committee to serve as Vice Chair. The Vice Chair shall assist the Chair and support the Chair’s responsibilities in the absence of the Chair.
G. Oversight Committee Annual Report

The Oversight Committee shall prepare and deliver an annual report to the Metro Council regarding Program Progress, which:

1. Shall assess Oregon Zoo’s Program Progress in implementing the Oregon Zoo Bond Measure 26-96 project improvements.

2. Shall report on project spending trends and current cost projections, and review and report upon the annual independent financial audit of spending.

3. May recommend project modifications intended to account for increases in construction costs in excess of budget estimates, to ensure that the purpose and promise of the Oregon Zoo Bond Measure 26-96 is fully realized.

H. Metro Responsible for Providing the Necessary Support

Metro will provide the facilities and support staff necessary to conduct meetings and support the activities of the Oversight Committee. Oversight Committee members will not be compensated for their services. Metro will pay costs associated with the provision of reasonable accommodations for people when such costs are directly associated with the conduct of the Oversight Committee meetings and reporting activities. In addition, Metro will provide funds annually to support the development and publishing of the Oversight Committee’s annual report.

I. Date of Charter

Original: May 12, 2010