



# Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 25, 2024

**Time:** 1 – 4 p.m.

**Location**

City Hall – Aspen Room, Fl 1  
415 W 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Vancouver, WA

**Special Meeting** (Convened in-person and via video conference)

The meeting agenda materials referenced in these minutes can be found [online](#). Link to Microsoft Teams meeting video: [24 10 25 LTAC Meeting Video](#).

**Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee was called to order at 1:06 pm by Kim Harless, Committee Chair.

**Board Members Present:** Kim Harless, Jennifer Kenney (remote), Carla Rise, Temple Lentz (remote), Janet Kenefsky (remote), Terry Goldman, Ryan Hart, Christie Rust, Steve Bowers (remote)

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Chris Harder, Kimberly Kerlee, Jonathan Young

**Guests:** Patrick Quinton with the City of Vancouver, Brian Tashima with Autism Empowerment, Sean Janson with Columbia Premier, Jesse Jiminez with Police Activities League of SW WA, Natasha Ramras with the City of Vancouver, Michael Walker with VDA, Anna Cruz with Vancouver Ballet, Kat Stein and Terah Ebie with Queer Community Network, Cliff Meyers with Visit Vancouver, and Kawika Shook with Ke Kukui Foundation

**Item 2: Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** by Hart, seconded by Goldman, and carried unanimously to approve the October 18, 2024, minutes.

**Item 3: 2025 Lodging Tax Grant Applicant Presentations**

The following 2025 Lodging Tax Grant Applicants provided optional 5-minute presentations with an additional 5-minutes for Q&A with the LTAC:

1. City of Vancouver – Waterfront Gateway
2. Autism Empowerment – Hold My Beer
3. Washington Timbers Football Club – NW Dream Cup
4. Police Activities League of SW WA – Appletree Marathon

## Members

Kim Harless  
**Chair**

Steve Bowers  
Temple Lentz  
Janet Kenefsky  
Jennifer Kenney  
Christie Rust  
Terry Goldman  
Ryan Hart  
Carla Rise

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Committee member Rust recused herself due to a conflict of interest with the City of Vancouver's Expansion of the Convention Center, and Vancouver's Downtown Association Downtown Ambassador Program and Trip the Light Vantastic.

5. City of Vancouver – Expansion of the Convention Center
6. Vancouver's Downtown Association – Downtown Ambassador Program

Committee member Hart recused himself due to a conflict of interest with the Vancouver's Downtown Association, Trip the Light Vantastic.

7. Vancouver's Downtown Association – Trip the Light Vantastic

Committee members Rust and Hart rejoined the meeting.

8. Vancouver Ballet Folklorico – Day of the Dead Luminarias
9. Queer Community Network – Vancouver's Pride Block Party

Committee members Bowers, Hart, Goldman, and Rise recused themselves due to a conflict of interest with Visit Vancouver's 2025 Sales & Marketing Programs.

10. Visit Vancouver – 2025 Sales & Marketing Programs

Committee members Bowers, Hart, Goldman, and Rise rejoined the meeting.

11. Ke Kukui Foundation – 4 Days of Aloha

**Item 4: Public Comment**

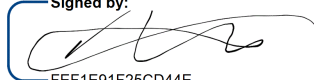
Chair Harless invited public comment and received testimony from Carmen De Leon, community member.

**Item 5: Executive Session (as needed)**

None

**Item 6: Adjourn**

3:54 p.m.

Signed by:   
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Kim Harless, Board President

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