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Multnomah County's new Charter Review Committee will hold its first meeting this Thursday at 7 p.m. in the second-floor Hearing Room A at the Portland Building.

Thursday's public meeting will convene the new citizen's committee for the first time as it begins the task of revising the County's governing compact.

Committee members were appointed by the senator and two representatives from each of the County's five complete state senate districts.

Those members are: Senate Dist. 6, Carol Kirchner and Ann Porter; Dist. 7, Marlene Johnsen and Rev. Frank Shields; Dist. 8, Chad DeBman and Linda Rasmussen; Dist. 9, Penny Kennedy and Roger Parsons; Dist. 10, Florence Bancroft and Tanya Collier; Dist. 11, Paul Thalhofer and John Vogl.

Under a provision of the current Charter, residents of Senate District 3 who live in the County are not entitled to representation on the Charter Review Committee. That means almost all of the County west of the Willamette River and a small portion of the east side in the Buckman areas would not have a voice in the updating of the Charter.

Sen. Nancy Ryles and Rep. Vera Katz, who represent the affected area, have nominated Leeanne MacColl as a non-voting

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member of the committee, subject to approval of a majority of the other committee members.

The committee will have an extra month to complete its work before making its recommendation, which is due on August 3, 1984. All legislators completed the appointment process well in advance of the June 30 deadline, giving the committee that much longer to conduct its research.

Because funding for the committee does not begin until the next fiscal year on July 1, County Executive Dennis Buchanan said he is assigning staff assistant Dana Peck to temporarily help with committee business.

Qualifications for membership to the committee included residency within Multnomah County and the two members for each district had to belong to different political parties. Committee members will select their own chairperson and establish their own procedures and organization under authority granted in the charter.

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