

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah County, Oregon
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015**

Public Hearing and Briefing

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. with Commissioners Loretta Smith, Diane McKeel and Judy Shiprack present and Vice-Chair Jules Bailey joining telephonically.

Also attending were Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk and Jenny M. Madkour, County Attorney.

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B.1 Briefing and Public Hearing for Tobacco Retail Licensing. Sponsor: Chair Deborah Kafoury. Presenters: Nafisa Fai, Chronic Disease Prevention Program Manager and Tia Henderson, Research Manager of Upstream Public Health; and, Other Invited Guests. *Time for Public Testimony will follow the Briefing. (2 hours)*

Chair Kafoury welcomed everyone, made introductions, and gave a brief history on what led to this Hearing tonight. She explained that last year the Board of County Commissioners discussed the cost of tobacco addiction to the Community and how as a Commission, they decided to regulate e-cigarette sales to minors and strengthen clean air rules. She said what they learned in that process is that Multnomah County has a rate of illegal sales to minors two to three times higher than the rest of the Country. The Board decided to take action on this. They issued a challenge to the State of Oregon, during their Legislative Session, as the Board believes this is an issue that should be dealt with Statewide. During the legislative session, the State of Oregon was unable to come up with a statewide program. That led to this public hearing to seek input on what can be done locally to implement a retail Licensing System for the sale of Nicotine products. She encouraged those attending to share their thoughts. She said if attendees had not filled out a public testimony form yet, there was still time to do so and that the forms were in the back of the room.

Chair Kafoury advised that the Board Clerk will call up four individuals at a time to give testimony. When their name is called, they are to come up to the presenter's table, and when it is their turn to speak, they were to state their name for the record. Due to time constraints, she limited testimony to two minutes per person. She also reminded the attendees that translation services were available at the back of the room.

Testimony was taken and received for the file. NINETEEN people signed up to testify and seven testified. Written testimony was also received for the file. Chair Kafoury invited others who had not signed up to testify, to do so. No one else did.

Each of the Commissioners made Board Comments about the importance of this subject and thanked everyone for attending.

Chair Kafoury advised that they will hold Briefings in Gresham, Wood Village and Fairview. A draft policy will be released next week. She invited everyone to speak to their Commissioners on this subject. Besides public outreach, there is an online survey that can be filled out and submitted at the County's website at Multco, <https://multco.us/clean-air-multnomah/webform/submit-your-opinion-tobacco-retail-licensing>.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kafoury closed the public hearing, thanked everyone for coming, and adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.

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