

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Public Budget Hearing #A Held at
IRCO - 10301 NE Glisan St., Portland, Oregon
Wednesday, May 13, 2015**

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with Vice-Chair Jules Bailey and Commissioners Loretta Smith, Diane McKeel and Judy Shiprack present. IRCO Hosts and Board Members attending were Lee Po Cha, IRCO Executive Director, Julia Meier, CCC ED; Gerald Deloney, SEI; Matt Morton, NAYA ED; and, Carmen Rubio, Latino Network ED.

Also attending were Lynda Grow, Board Clerk, and Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk.

Lee Po Ch opened the public hearing by welcoming everyone and thanking them for attending. Chair Kafoury asked the Board of Commissioners to introduce themselves after which she recognized the other Elected Officials in the audience.

Chair Kafoury said that this Public Hearing is not a time for the Board to deliberate, but for the Board to hear from the public on the programs within the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget. She said this public hearing is the first of three held pertaining to the budget. 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 would call up four individuals at a time to give testimony. When their name was called, they were to come up to the presenter's table, and when it was their turn to speak, they were to state their name for the record. Because of the large number that signed up to testify, she limited testimony to two minutes per person. She also reminded the attendees that translation services were available in Russian, Spanish, Vietnamese and Somali/Swahili.

Testimony was taken and received for the file. Forty-three people signed up to testify on various programs through partner-agencies who provide programs and services including: Africa House, Gang Prevention, Sun Schools, Latino Network-Family Youth Engagement Program; Summer Works Youth Program, Cultural Competency Capacity Building, Leadership Development – Future Generations Collaborative, Early Learning, VOZ Labor Education Center, el Programa Hispano, and numerous IRCO Programs.

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.

Chair Kafoury closed the public hearing, thanked everyone for coming, and adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lynda J. Grow, Board Clerk and
Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk
Board of County Commissioners - Multnomah County, Oregon