



MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST (short form)

APPROVED: MULTNOMAH COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA # R-4 DATE 6/7/12
MARINA BAKER, ASST BOARD CLERK

Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 6/7/12
Agenda Item #: R.4
Est. Start Time: 9:45 am
Date Submitted: 5/29/12

Agenda Title: Multnomah County Appointment to the Mount Hood Cable Regulatory Commission

Note: If Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Proclamation, provide exact title. For all other submissions, provide a clearly written title.

Requested Meeting Date:	<u>6/7/12</u>	Amount of Time Needed:	<u>5 minutes</u>
Department:	<u>Nondepartmental</u>	Division:	<u>District 4</u>
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Presenter(s):	<u>Julie Omelchuck</u>		

General Information

1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Re-appointment of Carol Studenmund as the Multnomah County representative on the Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission for a term ending 5/31/2015.

2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

The Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission negotiates and enforces cable service franchise agreements; manages the public benefit resources and assets derived from the franchises; and advocates on behalf of the public interest on communications policy issues at local, state and federal levels.

The MHCRC serves the communities, residents and local governments of Fairview, Gresham, Portland, Troutdale, Wood Village and Multnomah County.

3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).

None

4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.

None related to filling this position.

5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.

Outreach and recruitment for this position was conducted through the Multnomah County Office of Citizen Involvement and the Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission staff.

Required Signature

**Elected Official or
Department/
Agency Director:**

Marissa Madrigal /s/

Date: 5/29/12



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Carol Studenmund

Work history:

LNS Court Reporting and Captioning 1987-present

President 1994-present

Closed caption provider and manager of a team of staff and contractor closed captioners for local government, network affiliate stations, sports teams, educational institutions, and stadium clients across the country.

Representative clients: KATU-ABC Portland, KOIN-CBS Portland, Portland Trail Blazers, City of Portland, City of Beaverton, City of Eugene, City of San Diego, WFLD-Fox Chicago, KMSP-Fox Minneapolis, MetLife Stadium, University of Oregon Athletic Department.

Sowers, Johnson, Kirk and Bricker Court Reporting 1983-1987

Education:

University of Chicago B.A. 1979

Court Reporting Institute 1983

Community Service:

Mount Hood Cable Regulatory Commission

Commissioner 2011-present

Portland Community Media

Board member 2011-present

National Court Reporters Association

Co-Chair, Captioning Community of Interest Committee 2011-present

Seminar speaker at national conventions

Realtime Testing Committee 1994-1999

Oregon Court Reporters Association

President 2000-2001

Legislative Committee 1999-present

Accessible Media Coalition 2002-2007

Closed captioning trade group

Self-Help for Hard of Hearing People – Lake Oswego chapter

Pro Bono captioner 1995-2007

International Television Association – Portland chapter

Board member 1995

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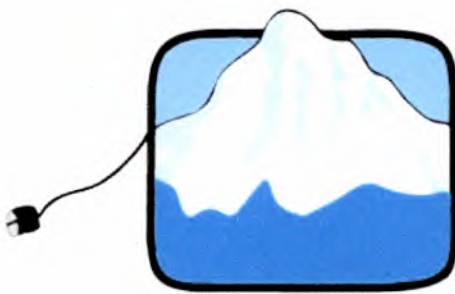
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Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission POSITION DESCRIPTION

Mission Statement

The Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission advocates for and protects the public interest in the regulation and development of cable communications systems in Multnomah County and the Cities of Fairview, Gresham, Portland, Troutdale and Wood Village; monitors and helps resolve cable subscribers' concerns in these jurisdictions; and participates in the planning and implementation of community use of communications technologies which make use of the public right of way.

Summary of MHCRC Activities

- ◆ Provides consumer protection for citizens and subscribers in cable television matters, including complaint resolution
- ◆ Determines grant recipients for the Community Access Capital Grant, a competitive grant program which allocates about \$1.5 million annually to libraries, schools, local governments and non-profit community organizations
- ◆ Directs the Institutional Network (I-Net) and the related \$1.5 million annually to ensure reliable and affordable fiber connectivity and network resources are available to local public institutions such as schools, libraries and public safety sites
- ◆ Enforces cable company compliance with franchise agreements
- ◆ Conducts franchise negotiations, renewals and transfers of ownership
- ◆ Oversees and monitors two community media organizations
- ◆ Promotes community and institutional uses of cable-based technologies
- ◆ Participates in advocacy efforts for legislative activities and FCC proceedings

Primary Responsibilities of Commissioners

- ◆ Oversee financial matters of the Commission, including development of an annual budget for recommendation to the member jurisdictions;
- ◆ Attend Commission meetings (about 6 per year) and participate on committees;
- ◆ Provide regular reports and liaison to elected officials of appointing jurisdiction;
- ◆ Keep informed and educated about issues related to Commission activities.

Time Commitment

The full Commission generally meets the third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm, about six times per year. The meeting location generally alternates between Portland and Gresham. Committees choose their meeting times and dates as necessary. Members are expected to take the necessary time to study pre-meeting materials and to participate in briefings for the elected officials in their jurisdiction.

Other MHCRC Facts

- ◆ Is comprised of eight volunteer community members appointed by the city councils and the county commission.

- ◆ Regulates cable services franchise agreements with Comcast, Frontier, CenturyLink, and Reliance Connects.
- ◆ Serves about 160,000 cable subscribers.
- ◆ Assisted in the resolution of about 213 cable subscriber complaints in 2011.
- ◆ Supports two community media organizations: Portland Community Media and MetroEast Community Media.

Further Information

Contact 503.823.5385 or visit the MHCRC website at www.mhcrc.org