

# Executive Committee (EC) Meeting

## Meeting Summary

Monday, April 22, 2024, 3 – 5 P.M.

Link to meeting packet: <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/departments/board-county-commissioners/climate-change-response/thurston-climate-mitigation-collaborative-meetings>

### EC Members Present:

Lacey City Councilmember Carolyn Cox (alternate), Olympia City Councilmember Lisa Parshley, Tumwater City Councilmember Eileen Swarthout, & Olympia City Councilmember Robert Vanderpool (alternate).

Courtney Cecale, CAW representative

### EC Members Absent:

Thurston County Commissioner Emily Clouse & Lacey City Councilmember Robin Vazquez

### Staff Present:

Linsey Fields, Rebecca Harvey, Dominic Jones, Alyssa Jones Wood, Dan Dickerman, & Rafiq ShaBazz Brinkley

### Members of the Public Present:

Tom Crawford, Thad Curtz, Lorilyn Liro, Wayne Olsen, Kim Piper, Kristine Rompa, & Wendy Steffensen.

Agenda Item	Notes
1. Call to Order & Introductions - All members	<p>Chair Parshley called the meeting to order at 3:05 P.M.</p> <p>Chair Parshley moved and was seconded by Committee Member Cox to approve the January Executive Committee meeting summary and to approve the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Motion to approve the January Executive Committee meeting summary was approved.</b></li><li>• <b>Motion to adopt the Executive Committee agenda was approved.</b></li></ul>
2. Public Comments	<p>Tom Crawford gave an update on the Thurston Climate Action Team (TCAT).</p>

	<p>which is hiring for an Executive Director. TCAT has also hired a part time grant writer who is applying for several grants. TCAT is looking to increase public participation in the comprehensive plan process.</p> <p>Thad Curtz asked the Staff team to take steps to ensure the public can follow and participate in what's occurring in the Staff Team meetings. He wants the public to be able to attend them via Zoom, for the meetings to be recorded, and to have agendas and other materials be made public in advance to allow for the public to comment.</p>
<p>3. Announcements</p>	<p>Staff member Rebecca Harvey made an announcement to discuss upcoming Executive Committee meeting times and dates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chair Parshley asked the Staff Team to check with their Executive Committee members to determine whether the Monday afternoon meeting time works moving forward.</li> <li>● An additional Executive Committee meeting will need to be added in June to continue the discussion of 2025 Regional Initiatives from the Annual Retreat.</li> <li>● Chair Parshley proposed the date of June 24th for the next Executive Committee meeting.</li> </ul> <p>Lacey Councilmember Robin Vasquez can't do June 24th but can do June 3<sup>rd</sup>. However, Councilmember Cox can cover.</p> <p>The EC facilitator, Dan Dickerman, will send invite for June 24th from 3-5 pm PT.</p>
<p>4. Election of Officers</p>	<p>The Executive Committee held elections for Chair and Vice Chair</p>

	<p>Councilmember Carolyn Cox nominated Councilmember Lisa Parshley for Chair.</p> <p>Councilmember Carolyn Cox nominated Councilmember Eileen Swarthout for Vice Chair.</p> <p><b>Lisa Parshley was elected as Chair unanimously by a voice vote.</b></p> <p><b>Eileen Swarthout was elected as Vice Chair unanimously by a voice vote.</b></p>
<p>5. Executive Committee Charter</p>	<p>Staff Team Member Alyssa Jones Wood shared a presentation on the Executive Committee Charter.</p> <p>She also noted that the date of December 2024 needed to be amended on page 2.</p> <p>Councilmember Eileen Swarthout made a Motion for the Executive Committee to accept the proposed Executive Committee Charter and adopt the Charter with the amended date on page 2. The motion was seconded by Chair Lisa Parshley and Councilmember Carolyn Cox.</p> <p><b>The EC Charter was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.</b></p>
<p>6. Community Advisory Workgroup (CAW) Updates</p>	<p>TCMC Administrative Consultant Dan Dickerman gave updates that the CAW adopted their Charter and have been briefed on the 2024 Regional Initiatives.</p>
<p>7. Jurisdiction Updates</p>	<p>City of Tumwater (updates by Alyssa Jones Wood): Last week Tumwater held an urban forestry training for their operations crew and park staff. Twenty-seven staff members attended. The City also passed sustainable purchasing requirements and held a staff training for these requirements. They've kicked off solar and storage feasibility assessments and are planning to hold meetings at the local food bank and the Tumwater library to gain community feedback</p>

on their needs. Tumwater received the green business award for municipalities from the Thurston County Chamber of Commerce.

City of Lacey (updates by Linsey Fields): The City has spent \$130,000 so far in its matching rebate program with Puget Sound Energy. A lot of citizens are taking advantage of energy efficiency rebates. The electric vehicle charging project is moving along and the chargers will be installed in Lacey by the end of summer in several locations. The City was designated Silver by SolSmart and will work on more solar projects and policy. The City is still working on their comprehensive plan update.

Thurston County (updates by Rebecca Harvey): On Wednesday April 24th there will be a Board briefing on the latest updates for the Forest Conversion Code Updates; there was also a briefing by DNR on state forest lands management practices on March 27. On April 10 the Legacy Forest Defense coalition presented on mapping progress. For Earth Day (today) the first episode of a documentary series, "Living Legacies," was released about legacy forest protection efforts in the Summit Lake community. The Comprehensive Plan is underway with the County's consultant team, which includes GHG inventory and analysis of vehicle miles traveled (VMT) data. The County recently submitted a grant application to Commerce's Community Decarbonization Grant program, is working on the federal EECBG application, and working through contracting on two awarded state grants for EV charging infrastructure.

City of Olympia (updates by Dominic Jones): The City recently completed their Energize Olympia heat pump program which provided discounted heat pump installations for income-qualified households. They engaged about 500 community members via workshops, had about 3,000 website visits, and were able to install 67 total heat pumps

	<p>to low to moderate income homes. They hope to get more funding to continue this program next year.</p> <p>An update given by Chair Parshley on the old National Guard Armory Building. They want to make it an community cultural arts center that is an example of energy efficiency and retrofits. They'll be working with Ameresco, an energy service company, and Puget Sound Energy, to develop a potential solar and battery storage project. They will start an energy audit of the building soon.</p> <p>Chair Parshley asked staff to provide an update about President Biden's announcement of a \$7B investment in solar energy and whether there will be any local grants or incentives from that program. She also requested information on the recent court decision on use state forest for carbon incentives.</p> <p><b>Staff Team member Alyssa Jones Wood said the Staff Team will provide answers for both questions at the next meeting or before then via an email.</b></p> <p><b>The 2 regional initiatives will be further discussed at next Community Advisory Workgroup and Executive Committee meetings.</b></p>
8. Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 pm PT

*Meeting summary is prepared by Rafiq ShaBazz Brinkley, Program Assistant, ISC. This summary is not verbatim. A recording of this meeting is available at: <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/departments/board-county-commissioners/climate-change-response/thurston-climate-mitigation-collaborative-meetings>*