

## **COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY**

### **Climate, Resilience and Land Use Committee**

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#### **Resolution (Document 2025-079): Appoint Susan Trexler and Jonah James Jensen to the Portland Historic Landmarks Commission**

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**Action Date:** March 13, 2025

**Action:** Referred to City Council with recommendation that the appointments be confirmed

**Vote:** 4 Aye, 1 Absent

**Ayes:** Kanal, Ryan, Morillo, Novick

**Nays:** N/A

**Absent:** Avalos

**Impact Statements:** Community Impacts and Community Involvement

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**Committee Meetings:** March 13, 2025

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#### **WHAT THE REPORT DOES:**

The report (Document number 2025-079) requests confirmation of two individuals appointed by the Mayor, Susan Trexler and Jonah James Jensen, to vacant positions on the Portland Historic Landmarks Commission. Appointees will serve a four-year term in specified membership categories as follows: Susan Trexler, Preservation Consultant, April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2029; Jonah James Jensen, Architect, June 22, 2025 – June 21, 2029.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Appointee expertise relevant to historic preservation, urban planning, and architecture

#### **PUBLIC TESTIMONY IN COMMITTEE:**

No public testimony was heard on this item.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Portland Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) is a seven-member volunteer review body that provides leadership and expertise on historic preservation matters related to the City's Planning and Zoning Code (Title 33) or as directed by City Council. Title 33.710.060 describes the purpose, powers and duties of the HLC, including identifying and protecting buildings or other resources of historic or cultural significance, and providing advice to City Council, the Planning Commission, and other entities on Historic Districts and Conservation Districts.

HLC members serve for up to two four-year terms. Per City Code, members must have a demonstrated interest in, competence with, or knowledge of historic preservation, and no more than two members of the HLC may be in the business or an officer of a business that buys, sells, or develops real estate for profit.