### **IMPACT STATEMENT**

Legislation title:

Appoint Osvaldo Gonzalez and Brenda L. Meltebeke and reappoint Phillip T. Hillaire and Verlea G. Briggs to the Board of Directors of the Regional

Arts and Culture Council for terms to expire June 30, 2017. (Report)

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Eloise Damrosch, RACC Executive Director

# Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

To appoint and reappoint members of the Regional Arts & Culture Council Board of Directors.

## Financial and budgetary impacts:

There is no budget impact to this action.

## Community impacts and community involvement:

RACC's Board process is conducted internally by its Leadership Development Committee (LDC), which consists of RACC Board members. The LDC vets the strongest candidates with its elected liaisons.

For new appointments, the LDC has a rigorous vetting process including interviews, reviewing resumes and references, election at full board meeting, and City Council.

## **Budgetary Impact Worksheet**

Does this action change appropriations?	
☐ YES: Please complete the information	n below.
NO: Skip this section	

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount
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#### July 31, 2015

FROM

RE

TO Commissioner Nick Fish, City of Portland

CC Jennifer Kalez, Constituent Relations Coordinator, Office of Commissioner

Susan Barr, Information & Referral Specialist, Office of Neighborhood

Involvement (ONI)

Eloise Damrosch, Executive Director, Regional Arts & Culture Council

2015 Board (Re-)Appointments for RACC

We are writing to request your approval of two reappointment and two new appointment for the City of Portland jurisdiction that are eligible to serve another term on the Board of Directors for the Regional Arts & Culture Council (RACC), starting on July 1, 2015.

Position#	Board Member	(Re-)Appointment
6	Phillip T. Hillaire	third term ending June 30, 2017
10	Verlea G. Briggs	third term ending June 30, 2017

In their second term with RACC, both Phillip and Verlea have proven themselves invaluable to the organization. Phillip continues the advocacy for the Native American communities. He is also on planning committee for our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event and will be the vice-chair of our board in FY15-16. Verlea has been the chair of the Right Brain Development Committee and an active supporter of our equity work. She has supported RACC tremendously by securing funding and supporting outreach effort.

Position #	Board Member	New Appointment
7	Osvaldo Gonzalez	first term ending June 30, 2017
9	Brenda L. Meltebeke	first term ending June 30, 2017

We are delighted to have Ozzie and Brenda join our Board of Directors. Ozzie is very active in the area of environmental design work and he has a longstanding relationship with Miracle Theatre as a board member and actor. Brenda is a prominent attorney with Ater Wynne LLP, known for its art connection and support for nonprofit arts organizations. She also serves as chair in Board Chair of Literary Arts, Inc. Their knowledge and deep passion for arts will be strong assets to RACC.

The new board members' bios and addresses follow this page.

#### **FY2015-2016 RACC BOARD MEMBERS**

Osvaldo Gonzalez Trained in Architecture and Environmental Science, Ozzie has been involved with improving the health of our built environment since 1996. His roles in the industry are as a designer, a strategic planner, a LEED Administrator, and an educator. At CH2M Hill, Ozzie is the Global Sustainability Director of for Advanced Facilities, a member of the Sustainability Leadership Board, and the NW regional liaison for the small business partnership program.

On projects, he works across the design and construction team to apply environmental performance criteria to real world situations. Ozzie is a founding member of the USGBC's LEED User Group for Industrial Facilities—a game-changing organization assisting in the development of compliance pathways for large-scale industrial projects worldwide. He represents CH2M Hill regularly at public speaking engagements and can be seen giving monthly 'Sustainability Moments' for the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs as well as at multiple industry conferences.

#### **Mailing address**

Ozzie Gonzalez 2020 SW Fourth Avenue, Third Floor Portland, OR 97201

Brenda L. Meltebeke is a Partner and the Firm Chair of Ater Wynne LLP. Ater Wynne is a Pacific Northwest law firm that has a history of supporting the arts. Ater Wynne's art collection, with more than 125 pieces, has been assembled over the past 30 years and reflects the firm's commitment to the arts community. Brenda has served as a Board Member, and Chair of the Development Committee, of the Oregon Entrepreneurs Network and also served as a Board Member and Board Chair of Literary Arts, Inc.

Meltebeke has been named an Oregon Super Lawyer and recognized in Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business as a leader in her field in Corporate/Mergers & Acquisitions. She was also named a 2012 Orchid Award Winner by the Portland Business Journal. In 2014, Brenda was recognized as Volunteer of the Year by the Oregon Entrepreneurs Network for her outstanding service to the organization. Ms. Meltebeke has a broad securities law practice, including venture capital financings, mergers, acquisitions and divestitures, public and private offerings of securities, and state and federal regulation of securities.

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