



AGENDA COVER MEMORANDUM

AGENDA DATE: April 28, 2026

PRESENTED TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: Health & Human Services

PRESENTED BY: Eve Gray, Health & Human Services Director

AGENDA TITLE: ORDER 26-04-28-05/ In the Matter of Appointing Three Members to the Poverty and Homelessness Board

I. MOTION

Move to approve the appointment of three members to the Poverty and Homelessness Board.

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

The Poverty and Homelessness Board (PHB) focuses on developing regional plans and strategies on poverty and homelessness. The Board consists of 21 members. The Lane County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) is being asked to appoint three members to the PHB.

III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Board Action and Other History

The BCC established the Poverty and Homelessness Board via BO 14-06-24-04. The PHB provides advice to the Board of County Commissioners and the intergovernmental Human Services Division with the goal of reducing and preventing poverty and homelessness in Lane County. It assists the development of the delivery of housing and services to meet the specific needs of people who are impoverished or homeless, improving their stability. It assists to maximize the allocation of local, state, and federal funds made available for this purpose. It serves as the administrative board for the Lane County Community Action Agency and as the oversight board for the Lane County Continuum of Care. The PHB prioritizes the Human Services Division projects for funding through local,

state, and federal grants that target homeless and impoverished populations. PHB also fulfills the board requirements outlined in ORS 458.505 for the designation of a Community Action Agency for state and federal anti-poverty programs.

Current Board composition includes: a third of the members are public officials currently serving or their designees; a third of the members are representatives of low- income persons in Lane County selected democratically; a third of the members represent business, law enforcement, the private philanthropic sector, faith-based organizations, education, healthcare, or other major groups of interest in the community.

Position #09 Lived Experience Official Voting Board Position. The position advertised through vacancy notices posted on multiple websites and sent to several email lists from 11/03/2025 through 12/12/2025. Twelve applications were received. The applications were reviewed by a PHB subcommittee, an interview was held, and a final recommendation was forwarded to be voted on and approved at the PHB meeting on April 16, 2026.

Position #10 Lived Experience Official Voting Board Position. The position advertised through vacancy notices posted on multiple websites and sent to several email lists from 11/03/2025 through 12/12/2025. Twelve applications were received. The applications were reviewed by a PHB subcommittee, an interview was held, and a final recommendation was forwarded to be voted on and approved at the PHB meeting on April 16, 2026.

Position #14 Sector Representative Voting Board Position. The position advertised through vacancy notices posted on multiple websites and sent to several email lists from 11/03/2025 through 12/12/2025. Twelve applications were received. The applications were reviewed by a PHB subcommittee, an interview was held, and a final recommendation was forwarded to be voted on and approved at the PHB meeting on April 16, 2026.

The Poverty and Homelessness Board recommends the individual listed below for appointment:

Member	Position #	Term Expiration*
Chrissy Barnard Community Member	#9 Lived Experience	12/31/2029
Brianna Hatchell	#10 Lived Experience	12/31/2029
Ashley Kirkhart	#14 Sector Representatives	12/31/2029

B. Policy Issues

The candidates for appointment meet the qualifications to serve on this body. The current twenty-one members provide balance between public, private and community members.

C. Board Goals

This action supports the goal Safe and Healthy County: Support the implementation of Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) goals, including partnering with the Poverty and Homelessness Board and key stakeholders to develop supportive housing and emergency shelter solutions.

D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations

None.

E. Health Implications

The Poverty and Homelessness Board plays a critical role in creating innovative partnerships and programs that use best practices to reduce poverty and homelessness in Lane County. Poverty and homelessness are strongly associated with poor health outcomes and lowered life expectancy.

F. Analysis

The appointment of these candidates will preserve the board composition required by the Poverty and Homelessness Governance Charter.

G. Alternatives/Options

1. Appoint the nominated Candidates.
2. Decline the nominations and instruct the Poverty and Homelessness Board to continue recruitment.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Both Lane County Health & Human Services and the Poverty and Homelessness Board recommend Option 1: Appoint the nominated candidates.

V. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

If the board approval is received on Tuesday April 28, 2026, the members will begin to serve Wednesday April 29, 2026.

VI. FOLLOW-UP

None.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

Poverty and Homelessness Board Roster (proposed appointment in italics)

PHB Membership Applications (redacted)

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

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to the Poverty and Homelessness Board

WHEREAS, the Poverty and Homelessness Board provides advice to the Board of County Commissioners and the intergovernmental Human Services Commission with the goal of reducing and preventing poverty and homelessness in Lane County; and

WHEREAS, the Poverty and Homelessness board must maintain its membership of twenty-one members, including sixteen voting members and five non-voting members; and

WHEREAS, Three candidates were appointed due to positions being vacated; membership; and

WHEREAS, the Poverty and Homelessness Board has referred these nominations and requested action by the Board of County Commissioners for consideration for appointment.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

That the following individuals be appointed to serve on the Poverty and Homelessness Board, as listed below:

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Chrissy Barnard	#9 Lived Experience	12/31/2029
Brianna Hatchell	#10 Lived Experience	12/31/2029
Ashley Kirkhart	#14 Sector Representatives	12/31/2029

ADOPTED this 28th day of April, 2026.

Ryan Ceniga, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners