



TENANT ADVISORY COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING – SEPTEMBER

September 30th, 2025 – 6:00-8:00pm

LOCATION

- Online ONLY: Microsoft Teams Meeting [Tenant Advisory Council Meeting | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Frank Culbertson, Shawntae Barber, Marc Rumery, Carla Williams Frison, Megan Sahim, Sarah Lawrence, Joanna Brands, Traci Van Zandt, Corpus Pacem, Ruthie Rhone, Debbie Blackmon, Tammi Bell, Margaret Rogers, Raven Smith, Estefania Lucio-Sanchez, Zoe Latimer, Melissa McClellan, Seclenda Hadley

TAC MEMBERS ABSENT

April Beck

HOME FORWARD STAFF PRESENT

Meg Kausch

MEETING NOTES CAPTURED BY

Zoe Latimer, Meg Kausch

TAC September Meeting Notes

Opening - Facilitator: Meg Kausch

- TAC members were welcomed into the space, attendance for TAC members was noted and a note-taker, time-keeper and individual monitoring the online chat space were selected. TAC members were notified that co-chairs for the TAC would be selected, and roles would help support setting the agenda and facilitating the meeting space. Zoe Latimer selected to take notes for the meeting, Tammi Bell selected to keep time for the meeting space, and Raven Smith selected to monitor the online chat space.
- Facilitator reminded TAC members of the structure for collecting public comment and invited members of the public to submit their comments, allotting 2 minutes each for each public comment.

Public Comments

- Angela Turner, resident of Ruth Haefner Plaza
 - Submitted public comment around the following property management concerns that have not been responded to by Home Forward property management.
 - Men loitering in the enclosed entryway often for long periods
 - Delivery drivers refused spots in the parking lot.
 - Paramedics needed police backup to clear the way in the entrance area
 - Guests being hostile
 - Cleanliness has reached a crisis point - tenants' dogs are urinating/defecating indoors and lunging at other tenants, making them feel unsafe
 - Angela's contact information was collected by meeting facilitator, and she was told that individuals from Home Forward would be following up on her public comments.
- Brian Harvey, resident of The Yards
 - Did not submit for public comment and remained an observer of the TAC meeting space.

TAC Engagement Opportunities Fall/Winter 2025 – Facilitator: Meg Kausch

- Facilitator began providing announcements and updates to the TAC on their engagement options. TAC members were notified that the Board of Commissioners would soon be recruiting for tenant Commissioners. Facilitator asked TAC about engaging in TAC work sessions, which would be optional secondary times for TAC members to gather and work together. Facilitator also asked TAC for interest in a Voices for Housing Justice training, and communicated that TAC would receive a survey in order to schedule when this training would happen.
- TAC was introduced to the Community Engagement Spectrum as a substitute directive for their Memorandum of Understanding that all members will help contribute to as far as levels of engagement as Home Forward listens, informs, consults and collaborates with their resident and participant stakeholders.
- TAC was also notified that they would be introduced to a policy document outline in October to support the organization and presentation of policy ideas and policy change that they would like to see.
- Facilitator reviewed additional engagement opportunities from the National Low Income Housing Coalition, Portland Housing Bureau and Welcome Home Coalition.

TAC members and facilitator took a 10-minute break.

Conflict of Interest Policy Review Continued – Facilitator: Meg Kausch

- TAC members were led through the second half of Conflict of Interest training as required by Home Forward leadership. Facilitator discussed through modules of Conflict of Interest and discussed potential conflicts of interest that TAC members may encounter, facilitator also directed individuals to reach out if they had questions about their conflict of interest. Facilitator reminded individuals that they would be receiving a Conflict of Interest form to complete and return.

Closing – Facilitator: Meg Kausch

- Facilitator provided examples of a few individuals who had reached out to TAC via the online contact form to help members understand the gaps of services and resources.