AGENDA COVER MEMO

Memorandum Date: September 11, 2024
Order Date: September 24, 2024

TO:	Board of County Commissioners
DEPARTMENT:	Community Justice and Rehabilitation Services
PRESENTED BY:	Erin Reynolds, Public Safety Coordinating Council Chair Denise Walters, PSCC Staff, LCOG Principal Planner
AGENDA ITEM TITLE:	Order/ In the matter of appointing Nancy Pance, Shawn McWeeney, to community member (lay citizen) seats, Chris Parosa as District Attorney, and Annie Herz to the Reentry Services Provider seat on the Lane County Public Safety Coordinating Council.

I. MOTION

Move to approve the Order appointing Nancy Pance, Shawn McWeeney, to community member (lay citizen) seats, Chris Parosa as District Attorney, and Annie Herz to the Reentry Services Provider seat on the Lane County Public Safety Coordinating Council.

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

The Board is being asked to appoint Nancy Pance, Shawn McWeeney, to community member (lay citizen) seats, Chris Parosa as District Attorney, and Annie Herz to the Reentry Services Provider seat on the Lane County Public Safety Coordinating Council.

III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Board Action and Other History

The PSCC membership consists of twenty-two members as required by ORS 423.560 or added by the Board of Commissioners. The statute and PSCC Bylaws designate the appointing agencies which are listed below.

Required by ORS 423.560

Member	Appointed By
Police Chief	Police Chiefs in the county
Sheriff	Sheriff of the county
District Attorney	District Attorney of the county
State Court Judge	Presiding Judge of county judicial district
Public Defender or Defense Attorney	Presiding Judge of county judicial district
Director of Community Corrections	Board of County Commissioners (BCC)
County Commissioner	Board of County Commissioners
Juvenile Department Director	Board of County Commissioners
Health Director	Board of County Commissioners
Mental Health Director	Board of County Commissioners
One lay citizen	Board of County Commissioners
City Councilor or Mayor	Cities in the county
City Manager or other city representative	Cities in the County
Representative of Oregon State Police *(non-voting)*	Superintendent of State Police
Representative of Oregon Youth Authority *(non-voting)*	Director of OYA
Community-based Victim Services Agency Director	Board of County Commissioners

Added by Lane County Board of Commissioners:

Member	Appointed By
City Councilor or Mayor from Eugene or Springfield	City of Eugene or Springfield
Two Lay Citizens	Board of County Commissioners
Lane County Administrator *(non-voting)*	Board of County Commissioners
Reentry Services Provider	Board of County Commissioners
Police Chief of Eugene or Springfield	Board of County Commissioners

PSCC recruited for someone with lived experience of the criminal justice system and/or of communities over-represented and underserved in the criminal justice system while under-represented in decision making. At its November 16, 2023 the PSCC meeting, members received the Nominating Committee's presentation and recommendation, was to vote at its January 2024 meeting however, the regular January meeting was rescheduled to February 2024.

At its February 14, 2024 meeting the PSCC voted unanimously to advance the appointments of Nancy Pance, Shawn McWeeney to community member (lay citizen) seats and Annie Herz to the Reentry Services Provider seat. District Attorney Chris Parosa took office in July 2024. **Nancy Pance** has lived experience with the criminal legal system, is of a community underserved by the criminal legal system, the Executive Director of Opportunity Oregon, and small business owner. In addition to support offered at Opportunity Oregon's Springfield office, Opportunity Oregon is now working in six (6) prisons toward a vision that all formerly incarcerated people find quality

and sustainable careers. **Shawn McWeeney** has lived experience of the juvenile and adult criminal legal systems, established Juvenile Advocacy and Mentoring as a flagship program of the Oregon Justice Network, and holds a Master's in Prevention Science. The **District Attorney** (DA) is a statutorily defined member of the PSCC. With DA Parosa's assumption of office this action is a formal acknowledgement of the transition. **Annie Herz** is the new Executive Director of Sponsors, Inc. Sponsors, Inc. is currently the sole source Reentry Services Provider appointed to the PSCC by the Board of County Commissioners. Paul Solomon, Sponsors former Executive Director retired warranting the appointment of Annie Herz. Sponsors is the only community-based reentry housing and service provider in the County. Sponsors has provided reentry services including but not limited to transitional and permanent housing, mentoring, health and wellness, and the Reentry Resource Center (employment, education, documents, etc.) since 1973.

Ex-officio appointees to the PSCC are those on the Council by virtue of the position they hold. Members who are not ex-officio (Community Members) shall serve four-year terms. If the Board appoints the two community members to the PSCC, the terms would be as follows:

Appointee	Position	Appointed By	Expiration Date
Nancy Pance	Community Member/Lay Citizen	BCC	August 31, 2028
Shawn McWeeney	Community Member/Lay Citizen	BCC	August 31, 2028

B. Policy Issues

Designated appointing bodies for ex-officio members are included in ORS 423.560 for statutorily required members, and for those positions added to the PSCC by the Board of County Commissioners the PSCC Bylaws designate the appointing bodies. On June 12, 2018, the Board of Commissioners adopted an order to revise the PSCC Bylaws by adding an additional lay citizen member position to the PSCC for a total of three lay citizens appointed by the Board including the one lay member required by ORS 423.560.

C. Board Goals

Appointing members to the PSCC addresses the following components of the Lane County Strategic Plan 2022-2024: Safe, Healthy County.

> Strategic Goal: Develop an equitable and integrated approach to health, behavioral health, public safety and homelessness so that all residents are safe, healthy, housed, and health outcomes are improved.
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> Objective A: Focus on people at the intersection of behavioral health, homelessness, and public safety to provide crisis/stabilization support and treatment.
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> Objective B: Invest in public safety for improved service delivery.

D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations

None.

E. Health Implications

None.

F. Analysis

The PSCC needs a full Council reflective of the communities served in order to operate effectively.

G. Alternatives/Options

1. Approve the Order, appointing members as recommended.

2. Reject the Order and provide direction to staff.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

Approve the order appointing Nancy Pance, Shawn McWeeney, to community member (lay citizen) seats, Chris Parosa as District Attorney, and Annie Herz to the Reentry Services Provider seat on the Lane County Public Safety Coordinating Council.

V. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

The appointment will be immediate upon action by the Board.

VI. FOLLOW-UP

None.

VII. ATTACHMENTS

- Order
- Nancy Pance and Shawn McWeeney applications.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 24-09-24-05	ORDER/ appointing Nancy Pance, Shawn McWeeney, to community member (lay citizen) seats, Chris Parosa as District Attorney, and Annie Herz to the Reentry Services Provider seat on the Lane County Public Safety Coordinating Council.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners appoints and is advised by the Lane County Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) on matters regarding adult and juvenile offenders, criminal justice policy, use of local and state resources for adult and juvenile criminal justice, and planning for a coordinated system supporting public safety; and

WHEREAS, one lay citizen is a required member of the PSCC as per ORS 423.560(1)(e) and two additional lay citizen members were added by the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, appointees who are not ex-officio members of the PSCC serve four year terms; and

WHEREAS, these appointments are as described within the Bylaws for the PSCC adopted by the PSCC and the Board of Commissioners and incorporated into the Lane Manual.

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

The following named persons are appointed as members of the PSCC:

Appointee	Position	Appointed By	Expiration Date
Nancy Pance	Community Member/Lay Citizen	Board of County Commissioners	8/31/2028
Shawn McWeeney	Community Member/Lay Citizen	Board of County Commissioners	8/31/2028
Chris Parosa	District Attorney	District Attorney	Ex-Officio
Annie Herz	Reentry Services Provider	Board of County Commissioners	Ex-Officio

ADOPTED this 24th day of September 2024.

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Laurie Trieger, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners

Lane County
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
APPLICATION

APPLICANT'S NAME AND CITY:	**DATE**:
Nancy Pance- Springfield, OR	03/08/23
NAME OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE:	**PLEASE CHECK ONE**:
Community member	■ New Applicant ☐ Reappointment

1. **Give a brief description of the experience or training that qualifies you for membership on this advisory committee (If you wish, you may attach a resume or other pertinent material).**

   My company works with the currently and formerly incarcerated, and our focus is on successful reentry and integration back into the community. We match employers in the community with this untapped pool of talent in our efforts to help reduce recidivism and strengthen our economy while advocating for the truly rehabilitated.

2. **Why do you want to become a member of this committee, and what specific contributions do you hope to make?**

   Through my organization, we strive to continue to provide resources and raise awareness in the community on the benefits of hiring the formerly incarcerated. We would like to continue to match our recruits with employers based on the trades/skills earned inside. I would like to contribute my lived experience and knowledge as an ex-offender and provide current status of a growing ex-offender community that is set on making a positive impact in our communities.

3. **List the community concerns related to this committee that you would like to see addressed if you are appointed.**

   I would like to continue to break down employment and housing barriers for those with a criminal background who have become productive members of society.

4. **Briefly describe your present or past involvement in relevant community groups. (Having no previous involvement will not disqualify you for appointment.)**

   I am currently on the board of directors with Oregon Justice Network; our goals are to advocate for and mentor the youth in our community with our own lived experience and trauma-based mentorship training. Prevention is crucial with our youth.

5. **Lane County is committed to reflecting diverse cultures on its boards/committees and does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, religion, language, ethnicity, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expressions, veteran's status, or political beliefs in employment or in admission, treatment, or participation in its programs, services, and activities. If selected, how would you contribute to this effort?**

   Remaining non-bias and non-discriminative is my nature and character; I would contribute by continuing to do so in my personal and professional life.

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6. Are you currently serving on any Advisory Boards or Committees? If so, which ones?

   No

7. Are you employed by, have any business, contractual arrangements or family connections with programs having contractual agreements with the County or that might be within the purview of the committee on which you are seeking appointment? (If there is a change in your circumstances, please advise the staff for the committee within 30 days.)

   ☒ No ☐ Yes Specify:

8. How did you learn about this vacancy? ☐ Newspaper ☐ Word of mouth ☒ Other:

9. In which County Commissioner District do you reside? Please check one:

☐ Unsure	☐ West Lane County	☒ Springfield
☐ South Eugene	☐ North Eugene	☐ East Lane County

The Board of Commissioners has adopted the following policy on reappointments:*

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b. The deadline for incumbent applications will be the same as the deadline for new applications.

** Unless waived by the Board.*

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APPLICANT'S NAME AND CITY:	**DATE**:
Shawn McWeeney; Springfield	09/05/2023
NAME OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE:	**PLEASE CHECK ONE**:
Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC).	■ New Applicant ☐ Reappointment

1. Give a brief description of the experience or training that qualifies you for membership on this advisory committee (If you wish, you may attach a resume or other pertinent material).

My combination of personal experiences, professional background, and educational achievements make me highly qualified for membership on the Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC) advisory committee.

Firstly, my own journey through the juvenile and adult criminal justice systems has provided me with firsthand knowledge of the challenges faced by individuals with a conviction history. This experience has given me deep insights into the root causes of crime, the impact of trauma, and the importance of rehabilitation and reintegration.

Furthermore, my work in creating a youth serving nonprofit has allowed me to develop a comprehensive understanding of the youth services. Through mentorship and advocacy, I have witnessed the transformative power of providing support to "opportunity youth". This experience has also equipped me with valuable skills in program development, community engagement, and policy advocacy.

Lastly, my Master's Degree in Prevention Science has provided me with a solid foundation in evidence-based practices for preventing crime and promoting community safety. This educational background has helped me develop a deep understanding of the underlying factors that contribute to crime and the most effective strategies for addressing criminality.

2. Why do you want to become a member of this committee, and what specific contributions do you hope to make?

My firsthand experience with the criminal justice system provides me with unique insights into the challenges faced by individuals involved in criminal activity. I can offer a perspective that others may not have, helping the council develop prevention and intervention strategies that are more effective and tailored to the needs of the community. I can also advocate for policies and programs that address the underlying causes of crime, such as poverty, lack of education, and limited opportunities.

I advocate for trauma-informed approaches within the criminal justice system, ensuring that individuals receive the support and resources necessary to heal and reintegrate into society. I can also contribute to the development of programs that address the specific needs of individuals who have experienced trauma, reducing the likelihood of future criminal behavior.

My achievements in creating a youth-serving nonprofit that mentors and advocates for "opportunity youth" demonstrate my commitment to empowering and supporting young people. I can bring my expertise in working with at-risk youth to the council's efforts to prevent juvenile crime. I can provide valuable insights into effective mentoring and advocacy programs, helping the council develop initiatives that promote positive youth development and reduce recidivism.

In summary, my personal and professional experiences, coupled with my educational background, make me a valuable asset to the Public Safety Coordinating Council. I can provide unique perspectives, advocate for trauma-informed approaches, contribute to youth-focused initiatives, and utilize evidence-based practices to promote public safety and reduce recidivism rates. I am dedicated to making a positive impact on the community and am eager to collaborate with other council members to achieve our shared goals.

3. List the community concerns related to this committee that you would like to see addressed if you are appointed.

To effectively address community concerns and fulfill the mission of the Public Safety Coordinating Council (PSCC), it is essential to focus on strategies that target specific areas of concern such as rehabilitation and reentry, and juvenile delinquency.

I can provide insights into the barriers faced by individuals reentering society and the support systems needed to promote successful reintegration. By advocating for evidence-based programs and policies that address the underlying factors contributing to criminal behavior, such as trauma, negative lifestyle and thinking patterns, and lack of opportunities, I can contribute to reducing recidivism rates and promoting public safety.

Recognizing the importance of early intervention and prevention, the Public Safety Coordinating Council can help build resiliency in youth. I would like to support programs that target at-risk youth and provide them with opportunities for positive development. This can include after-school programs, mentorship initiatives, and diversion programs that steer youth away from the criminal justice system.

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   If selected, I would actively contribute to reflecting diverse cultures on the Public Safety Coordinating Council's boards and committees. I would advocate for policies and practices that prioritize diversity, equity, and inclusion, ensuring that all voices are heard and represented in decision-making processes. Moreover, I would work towards creating an environment that celebrates and respects the unique contributions of individuals from different races, ethnicities, religions, genders, sexual orientations, and socio-economic backgrounds.

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