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A community market featuring a bevy of locally-owned black businesses, food, and live music kicked off a series of Black History Month events at Self Enhancement, Inc. Saturday, the nonprofit serving hundreds of local black families. Pictured are Bryan Walden (left), CEO of Black Mannequin clothing line, and Daunte Devon Paschal, the organizer of the Junction Avenue Black Owned Business Pop-up.

## Black History Month at SEI

The Center for Self Enhancement on 3920 N. Kerby Ave. has begun a series of free community events this month in honor of Black History Month.

The kickoff was held Saturday when SEI hosted the Junction Avenue Black Owned Business Pop Up featuring and supporting a lineup of products and services offered by locally-owned black businesses.

This Friday, Feb. 7, the educational and family-resource nonprofit will welcome the community to hear special guest speaker Dr. Jason Okonofua give

a talk on "Bias Impeding Academic Achievement," presented by the community group Kúkátónón, which is from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

On Saturday, Feb. 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., SEI will host its 5th annual Community Day of Service. The film "The Hate U Give," presented by Black Mental Health of Oregon, will screen on Friday Feb. 15 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.; and an African American women's luncheon, We Are Overcomers, which has sold out, will take place Thursday, Feb. 28. For more information, visit selfenhancement.org.

## State Panel Adopts Diversity Rule

### Giving guidance to \$100 billion in investments

The Oregon Investment Council has amended its overarching management values and beliefs to highlight its commitment to diversity and inclusion.

The six-member Council establishes policy and determines asset allocation for the investment program managed by the Oregon State Treasury, which as of Dec. 31 totaled more than \$100 billion and includes the \$75 billion Oregon Public Employees Retirement Fund.

To help guide day-to-day decision-making and investment priorities, the council occasionally revises its investment and management beliefs to articulate its primary investment philosophy,



Oregon Investment Council Chair Rukaiyah Adams



Oregon Treasurer Tobias Read

from managing risks to seeking cost efficiencies to improving corporate governance practices.

At its meeting Thursday, the council explicitly articulated that diversity and inclusion are aligned with its imperative to pursue positive, risk-adjusted and sustainable investment outcomes – officially

reflecting in policy what has become an increasingly standard business practice at the Oregon Treasury department.

"Finding returns means seeing things that others don't," said State Treasurer Tobias Read, a

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