

PORTLAND CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUND (PCEF) COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY DRAFT

May 16, 2024 • 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Zoom Conference Call

Committee Members	Position	Affiliation	Present
Dr. Megan Horst	Co-Chair	Associate Professor, School of Urban Studies & Planning at Portland State University	Yes
Ranfis Giannettino Villatoro	Co-Chair	Oregon State Policy Manager, BlueGreen Alliance	Yes
Alicia Chapman	Member-at-Large	Willamette Technical Fabricators	No
DeAngelo Moaning	Member-at-Large	Raimore Construction	Yes
Faith Graham	Member-at-Large	Elevate Energy	Yes
Maria Gabrielle Sipin	Member-at-Large	Community Member	Yes
Paul Lumley	Member-at-Large	Cascade AIDS Project	Yes
Robin Wang	Member-at-Large	Vibrant Future LLC	Yes
Michael Edden Hill	Member-at-Large	Community Member	No
Sam Baraso	Program Manager	PCEF	Yes
Cady Lister	Deputy Program Manager	PCEF	No
Jaimes Valdez	Org. Development & Policy Manager	PCEF	Yes
Kris Grube	Project Manager	PCEF	No
Wendy Koelfgen	Project Manager	PCEF	No
Rachel Gilmore	Administrative Specialist	PCEF	Yes
Elizabeth Stover	Senior Communications Strategist	PCEF	Yes
Tracy M. Smith	Facilitator	Inhance LLC	No
Camerina Galván	Notetaker	Galvan Consulting LLC	Yes
Ciara Pressler	Consultant	Pregame	Yes

Others: Mayor Ted Wheeler; Bobby Lee, Chief of Staff; Jeni Hall; Babs; Eric Engstrom, Interim-Director, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability; Gayle Palmer, Thrive East PDX; Sarah Santner, Portland Water Bureau.

OPENING AND INTRODUCTIONS: SAM BARASO, PCEF

- The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM.
- The quorum was met.
- Mayor Ted Wheeler joined the meeting at 6:02 PM. He acknowledged the committee's hard work and that the city could not have balanced its budget without the committee. He stated it was a win-win.
- Ranfis Giannettino Villatoro is glad a middle ground was found. He asked that PCEF not be referred to the ballot and for the committee to be consulted in the future, as partnering and collaboration have been challenging at times.
- Robin Wang joined the meeting at 6:05 PM.
- Faith Graham joined the meeting at 6:07 PM.
- Megan Horst emphasized that PCEF rose to the occasion and faced a lot of pushback. It is not PCEF's mission to solve the city budget challenges.
- Mayor Ted Wheeler recognized that the committee was put in a difficult position, but a middle ground was found. It would be a tragedy for PCEF to return to the ballot. He pledges that he and Bobby Lee are available to the committee at any time, and the committee will be included in the budget evaluation process.
- Committee members and staff introduced themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: SAM BARASO, PCEF

- Babs is relieved to hear the Mayor say that he wants to avoid PCEF being referred to the ballot. Babs will continue to support the committee and is inspired by them.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: SAM BARASO, PCEF

- Megan Horst motioned to approve the November 16, 2023, January 25, 2024, January 31, 2024, and February 2, 2024, Meeting Summaries. Robin Wang seconded it.
 - Approved: November 16, 2023, January 25, 2024, January 31, 2024, and February 2, 2024, Meeting Summaries were approved. Paul Lumley stood aside.

GENERAL PROGRAM UPDATES: SAM BARASO, PCEF

- Sam Baraso provided an update on RFP #3. The recommendation will be taken to the city council in July or August 2024.
- Sam Baraso reported that 12 additional staff members will join the team. Cady Lister is transitioning out of her role.
- Sam Baraso reported that the City Climate Projects 2024 rollout is slower than anticipated.

REVIEW PROCESS FOR COLLABORATING FOR CLIMATE ACTION: SAM BARASO, PCEF

- PCEF is anticipating a large volume of submissions, and the process will be very competitive. The scoring panel will recommend six to eight applicants to submit full proposals to the committee. The committee will recommend a package of full proposals to the city council.
- Faith Graham volunteered to join the scoring panel.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENTS: MEGAN HORST AND RANFIS GIANNETTINO VILLATORO, CO-CHAIRS

- A code amendment is required for PCEF interest to be allocated for fiscal year 2024-2025 expenditures using a one-time use of actual interest earned on the Clean Energy Fund in the fiscal year 2022-23. The amount in question is \$7.6 million, which is required for the City Council to pass the city budget in June 2024 and will go into the city's general fund.
- Ranfis Giannettino Villatoro emphasized that the committee must be consulted before any code changes. He introduced language requesting that the City Council consult with the committee for any code changes. The intent of the language is for the committee to learn about the proposal, hear from the community, and allow the committee to deliberate.
- Committee members are frustrated that the funds will not be used as originally intended. One member asked for measures to protect against future code changes incompatible with PCEF's intent.
- The committee members' temperature checks ranged from feeling okay to wariness and concern that the committee is complicit and that language will not fix the power issues.
- **Action Item:** Sam Baraso will schedule a lunchtime meeting for the committee to vote on the language.
- The committee asks that community groups submit letters.

PREVIEW OF PCEF DASHBOARD: SAM BARASO AND VANIA FONG, PCEF

- Sam Baraso presented the dashboard development phases. Currently, PCEF is in phase one.
- Vania Fong and Sam Baraso demonstrated the dashboard. Capturing direct beneficiaries will be developed later down the road.
- The dashboard beta version will go live in July 2024.
- A committee member suggested adding stories demonstrating co-benefits and climate impact per dollar and project, climate resilience, priority populations, and programs broken down by topics.
- Two committee members would like more stories incorporated.
- PCEF communications staff is working to gather stories from grantees and working with the data analysts to share stories.
- A committee member would like to schedule a summer field trip with elected officials, committee members, staff, and the media to showcase PCEF projects. The staff is considering the best way to go about this.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:58 PM

NEXT MEETING: The next public committee meeting will be on Thursday, July 18, 2024, 6:00 PM—8:00 PM.

Submitted by Camerina Galván, Notetaker, Galvan Consulting LLC.