

# NEW PORTLANDERS COMMISSION POLICY MONTHLY MEETING

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Location: Portland Building, Room 202 & Teams

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Date: 06/26/2024

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Time: 6:00pm – 7:30pm

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## AGENDA DETAILS

### ICE BREAKER

*Let's go around and share one thing we love about our community and one thing we'd like to see improved. 6:00pm-6:10pm*

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Welcome to the New Portlander Policy Commission 6:10-6:30pm

- Kerri
- Demet
- Guluzar
- Maritza
- Stephanie Condon
- Sahar
- Polina
- Stephanie Lauenstein (Not here today)
- Heather
- About the NPPC  
<https://www.portland.gov/civic/immigrants/npsc/about>
- Accomplishments & Reports  
<https://www.portland.gov/civic/immigrants/npsc/accomplishments-and-reports>

2. **NPPC Members –**

- Current active members 21 members
- 4 open spots
- Disqualified Members
- Positions and Tasks
  - Chair & Co-chair to facilitate meetings.

- Two sub committee's advocacy and Education
- Secretary (Note taking and scheduling)

3. **Legal Clinic Signing Ceremony - Friday, April 26, 2024** (2 min)

- Location: PCC Cascade
- <https://www.pcc.edu/legal-resource-center/intake-form/>

4. **Passed Motions for the Meeting**

- Disqualify members from attending meetings who missed more than 2 meeting without communicating – No objection from the 15 NPPC commissioners.
- Disqualify future applicants receiving two "no" votes from NPPC commissioners – Motion passed with one objection.
- Establishment of a community engagement committee led by Sankar - Unanimous approval from NPPC commissioners.
  - Report back from subcommittee to the commission.
  - All members must be part of the commission.
- Establishment of temporary membership selection committee to fill the remaining 4 spots and report back to the commission. 1 objection motion passed.
  - Members: Sahar, Jorge, Bernal, Mahad, Massarra.
  - Point of contact: Jorge.

5. **NPPC Grant Program: Support Organizations**

- Creation of subcommittees.
- Any fund allocation to be voted on by the whole NPPC commissioner body to avoid conflicts of interest.
- Discussion on accountability measures for successful distribution, including:
  - Financial Support
  - New Arabic schools and Programs
  - Support for women's activities/programs
  - Assistance for the Afghan community
- Proposal for subcommittee creation to be brought back to the NPPC body for approval based on:
  - Grants selection Committee
  - Education and Engagement Committee
  - Policy & Advocacy Committee

6. **Welcome Week 2024 - September 13-22, 2024** (5 min)

7. **Refugee Day - June 20**

- [World Refugee Day PDX 2024 by Drake Garcia Photography \(pixieset.com\)](https://pixieset.com)

8. **NPPC Events vs. Service Delivery** (2 min)

9. **Newsletter about the NPPC** (3 min)

## 10. Sponsored events

- **Tonga Day**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Bylaws**

### **NEXT STEPS**

- **Retreat** (15 min)
  - **Time:** To be confirmed
  - **Location:** To be confirmed
  - Review of the strategic plan.
  - Review of the NPPC Goals and Vision
  - Review of the Strategic Plan

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See you all in two weeks!

### Meeting Summary

The meeting was conversation centered around building community and supporting newcomers in Portland. Commissioners shared personal experiences and perspectives, emphasizing the importance of connecting with people from diverse backgrounds. The NPPC commissioners discussed the roles and responsibilities, formalities, and the need for efficiency and workload distribution. commissioners highlighted the importance of community engagement and the role of the commission in addressing the challenges faced by newcomers.