

New Portlanders Policy Commission Meeting Summary

Date: April 8, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: City of Portland Building (In-person with hybrid option)

Key Highlights:

- **Attendance:**
 - 12 commissioners present; quorum met.
 - City representatives: Wafa Almaktari (excused) and Ocean Jasso (present).
- **Welcome & Introductions:**
 - Meeting began at 5:40 PM.
 - Commissioners participated in an icebreaker sharing their favorite movies.
- **Updates:**
 - **Mayor Wilson Visit:** Scheduled for **June 10, 2025** (30 minutes, in person).
 - Commissioners will prepare personal introductions (15 seconds each).
 - Future discussion planned for May to finalize structure and talking points.
 - **Communication Tool – Signal:**
 - NPPC continues transitioning to **Signal** for internal communication.
 - Commissioners encouraged to connect with leadership for access.
- **Action Items:**
 - **March 2025 Meeting Minutes:** Approved.
 - **April 2025 Agenda:** Approved.
- **Commissioner Items:**
 - **Co-Chair Sahar Wilson:** Suggested a **group picture** at a future meeting.
 - **Co-Chair Maritza Kritz:** Proposed exploring collaboration with the **Oregon Youth Authority** to support incarcerated youth.
 - **Secretary Jorge Sanchez Bautista:** Proposed hosting an **NPPC Retreat** focused on reflection, planning, and growth.
 - Discussion included potential timing (3–4 hours) and preferred months for scheduling.
- **Subcommittee Breakouts:**
 - Members confirmed participation in one or more subcommittees:

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- ***Advocacy and Policy***
- ***Grant Selection***
- ***Community Engagement***
- *Each group discussed:*
 - *Individual introductions and motivations for joining.*
 - *Priority issues and focus areas for 2025.*
 - *Potential policy recommendations.*
 - *Preferred meeting schedules (to be coordinated with City staff).*
- ***Next Meeting:***
 - ***Tuesday, May 13, 2025 | 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM***

Detailed agenda and full meeting notes are available upon request.