

New Portlanders Policy Commission Meeting Summary

Date: July 8, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: Virtual via Teams

Key Highlights:

- **Attendance:**
 - 9 commissioners present; quorum met.
 - City staff: Wafa Almakari (returned from leave).
- **Welcome & Icebreaker:**
 - Roll call completed; icebreaker skipped due to time constraints.
 - Wafa Almakari welcomed back after her leave.
- **Updates:**
 - **Upcoming Meetings:**
 - Discussion of a potential meeting with **Governor Kotek** and her team; more details to come.
 - **Sanctuary City Press Conference:**
 - Jorge represented the NPPC alongside Mayor Wilson, County Chair Vega Pederson, PPB Chief Day, County Sheriff Morrissey O'Donnell, District Attorney Vasquez, and ACLU.
 - City Councilors expressing interest in the NPPC's work included Avalos, Dunphy, Kanal, Koyama Lane, Morillo, and Zimmerman.
 - Additional groups expressing interest in collaboration: **PPB Community Engagement, Latino Advisory Council, and Muslim Advisory Council.**
- **Action Items:**
 - Approval of **today's agenda and April, May, and June meeting notes.**
 - Motion by Jorge, seconded by Bernal – all ayes, passed.
- **Amendment to NPPC Code (Jorge):**
 - Proposed updates to NPPC Code included:
 - Reduce the number of seats to 15.
 - Provide commissioner compensation.
 - Change terms to 2 years, with a maximum of 4 terms (8 years total).
 - Remove the requirement to volunteer for a non-profit.

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- *Add the ability for the Commission to request a meeting with the Mayor if a member is removed.*
 - *Discussion focused on potential impacts to subcommittee staffing and maintaining diverse representation.*
 - *Commissioners began considering whether to send the ordinance to City Council for approval.*
- **Approval of Rules of Engagement:**
 - *Draft **NPPC Rules of Engagement and Expectations** reviewed and approved.*
 - *Motion by Jorge, seconded by Sahar – all ayes, passed.*
- **Subcommittee Updates:**
 - *Subcommittee discussions were postponed due to time constraints.*
 - *Subcommittees include:*
 - **Advocacy and Policy**
 - **Community Engagement**
 - **Grant Selection**
 - *Guidelines: All subcommittee meetings must include staff for support and public record purposes. Meetings are public and announced.*
- **Next Steps / Upcoming Meetings:**
 - **Subcommittee Meeting:** *Tuesday, August 12, 2025, 5:30 – 7:00 PM. Wafa and Jorge will coordinate members and discussion points.*
 - **NPPC Commission Meeting:** *Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 5:30 – 7:00 PM. Leadership will coordinate in August to plan next steps.*