

New Portlanders Policy Commission Meeting Summary

Date: March 11, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: Online

Key Highlights:

- **Welcome & Introductions:**
 - *Quorum was met with nine commissioners present.*
 - *Members participated in a light icebreaker to begin the meeting.*
- **Updates:**
 - *The **USCIS representative visit** remains postponed until further notice.*
 - *The Commission is coordinating with City staff to invite **City Council members** to attend the April meeting.*
 - *NPPC officially transitioned to **Signal** as its new communication platform.*
- **Subcommittee Assignments:**
 - *Commissioners confirmed participation in one or more of the following subcommittees:*
 - **Advocacy and Policy**
 - **Grant Selection**
 - **Community Engagement**
 - *A motion passed requiring each commissioner to serve on at least one subcommittee.*
 - *Members discussed improving accountability by:*
 - *Recording minutes at all subcommittee meetings.*
 - *Submitting agendas for NPPC approval.*
 - *Including subcommittee responsibilities in the bylaws.*
 - *Commissioners emphasized the importance of ensuring subcommittees remain action-oriented and provide regular reports to the full body.*
- **Discussion – Meeting with Mayor Wilson:**
 - *NPPC will have a **30-minute in-person meeting** with Mayor **Keith Wilson** to discuss the Commission’s role and city priorities related to immigrants and refugees.*
 - *Commissioners identified key topics and questions for the Mayor, including:*
 - **Sanctuary Policies:** *How the City will ensure accountability from law enforcement under sanctuary laws.*

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- **Consultation Process:** Establishing regular consultation between NPPC and the Mayor's Office on immigrant and refugee-related matters.
 - **Support for Immigrant Communities:** How the City plans to sustain services for immigrants and refugees amid reduced federal funding.
 - **Protection for City Staff and Advisors:** How the City will support employees and commissioners who assist immigrants in understanding their rights.
 - **Affordable Housing:** Ensuring immigrant and refugee communities are included in housing planning and public communications.
 - The Commission agreed that the meeting will primarily serve as an **introductory and relationship-building session**, with an emphasis on outlining NPPC's mission and setting expectations for collaboration.
 - **Next Meeting:**
 - **Tuesday, April 8, 2025 | 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM**
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Detailed agenda and full meeting notes are available upon request.