

**City of Portland**  
**Police Accountability Commission**  
**Advance Public Comment for 1-26-2023 Meeting**

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Comment :

Hello Commissioners, Thank you for your work on the Commission - I watched the Dan Ryan and Aaron Schmautz meeting and when Commissioner Ryan asked if you do this once a week or is it every other week I realized that he had absolutely no idea how much work you all are doing. Thank you! On to my comments which I'm specifying as being related to "PAC community engagement events, including town halls with specific partner groups and general listening sessions" on the webform, but which I would like to make sure all members get a chance to read. I initially sent this to the Commission staff email address but want to make sure it gets on the public record and that all of you are able to read it. Here is some feedback on the last in-person Listening Session, which I listened to thanks to the mp3 audio that Austin sent me. The audio is hard to hear at times and it is often nearly impossible to know who is speaking. I appreciate that there were 4 listening devices, however, it might be necessary to either have more listening devices or better ones in order to capture clear audio. For future sessions that are recorded, please consider also recording video. I understand that there are community members who might not want to be filmed, so it might be best to have the cameras always facing the Commission members so the community can see the impact that people's testimony is having on them. For community members who want to provide feedback but not have their voice recorded due to being afraid of retaliation from police, there should be a safe and secure way for these people to provide feedback to the Commission without fear of retaliation from the Portland Police Bureau. I understand that giving community members the opportunity to meet the Commissioners in person is incredibly valuable. Since we are also still in a situation where many of us are unable to meet in person due to the potential of catching Covid 19, the Commission and the community would be best served by having these in person meetings changed to hybrid meetings so more people can participate, both Commissioners and community members. It's important for every Commission and staff member to hear the community member who is speaking at 1:16:39 say: "I'm disappointed in the Commission right now because if there are 20 of you in this Commission and there are less than half of you here in attendance to hear the people that are in this space how can we have any faith [unintelligible] that you're actually going to be fighting for the accountability of this institution that has caused egregious harm in this community." From following the Commission's work, I have seen just how committed the Commission members are to their work. I suspect that, had a hybrid option been chosen for this meeting, nearly every Commissioner would have been present either in person or remotely. Because there was no remote option, there is now a perception among some people that the Commissioners don't care about hearing from the community. I believe that perception is 100% incorrect and it risks damaging both the hard work that the Commissioners are putting in and also what will be the perception of some members of the community once this work has been completed and turned over to City Council to act upon. Please provide a remote option for all in-person meetings in the future. Marc

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