

Potential Agreement 1: Referral to full PAC of Draft Areas of Agreement on Best Practices, and Practices to Avoid, from Other Jurisdictions

Context: City Council Resolution 37527, Exhibit A, required the Police Accountability Commission to “invite experts to testify and answer questions [and] research necessary topics.”

Context: City Council Resolution 37548, Exhibit A, authorized the PAC to “seek out expertise from those they identify as beneficial to the process both within and outside of Portland,” as well as to determine “how to incorporate current best practices and procedures into the new system.”

Previous PAC Understanding: The PAC’s Agenda and Scope, originally approved March 31, 2022 and amended September 15, 2022, includes reviewing “different types of oversight system, including with outside expert(s), with information suggesting how Portland’s new system could function,” as well as “investigat[ing] forms of governance to give the board the credibility of independence.”

Previous PAC Understanding: The PAC Fact-Finding Phase Co-Chairs have presented to the full commission, and Sub-Committee on Research Co-Chairs have presented to the sub-committee, the definitions of three outcome documents, including one assigned to the Sub-Committee on Research: creating a draft, to be referred by the sub-committee for eventual full commission approval, of Areas of Agreement on Best Practices, and Practices to Avoid, from Other Jurisdictions.

Potential Agreement: Refer the PAC Draft “Areas of Agreement on Best Practices, and Practices to Avoid, from Other Jurisdictions” document, as amended during the 10-13-2022 meeting of the PAC Sub-Committee on Research, for review by the full Police Accountability Commission.

Potential Agreement: Allow Co-Chairs and staff to reorganize or reformat the draft document (not to change text) in advance of presenting them to the full commission, in order to make them clearer to the reader.

Can the PAC change this agreement later? Yes. The sub-committee will not meet again on this issue, but the full PAC has yet to begin its consideration of the draft document. Coming to this agreement, as a sub-committee, allows the PAC to begin that consideration, but does not bind the PAC to this version of the document or specific text within it.

Potential Implementation: If the sub-committee agrees to this, the draft document will be sent to the full PAC for consideration. If the PAC then approves it, the document will be one of the three outcomes of the Fact-Finding Phase and will be used to inform future work of the Police Accountability Commission.