City of Portland

Sustainability and Climate Commission

Regular meeting – Thursday, April 16, 2026

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- Meeting is being recorded via Zoom and will be posted online for transparency
- Commissioners ensure Zoom name reflects title (please shorten to Comm. or Alt.)
- Commissioners must raise their hand via Zoom to speak; facilitator will call on you
- State your name every time you speak
- Public comment: individuals will be called on by facilitator
- All materials can be found on this meeting's event page at www.Portland.gov/SCC/events
- Tech help: ask Wing Grabowski

Working agreements

1. **Speak with clarity and focus.** Share your thoughts truthfully and succinctly, staying on topic and respecting time limits and agenda allocations.
2. **W.A.I.T.** Use self-awareness by asking yourself "**W**hy **A**m **I T**alking?" Remember that everyone has the right to share their ideas, but not everyone always has the opportunity. Take space and make space appropriately.
3. **Assume good intentions but attend to impact.** We are all good people looking to collaborate for better outcomes. Not all good intentions lead to good outcomes: If someone is hurt, focus on listening and understanding the impact, not on the intent.
4. **Be willing to make mistakes and be forgiving of those who do.** Forgiveness fosters safety so we can all take risks. We make mistakes, even with good intentions. By making mistakes, we ultimately learn how to do things better.
5. **Allow for, and appreciate, disagreement of opinions, ideas, methods, respectfully.** Don't interrupt someone just because you disagree with them. Listen to understand others' thoughts and to find common ground. Critique ideas, not people.
6. **Build on other peoples' ideas.** Ask questions to best understand someone. Reinforce areas of agreement.
7. **We value participation, both in person and virtual.** Meeting facilitator(s) and meeting attendees proactively monitors online messages via chat for those that are joining in virtually on Zoom to ensure that all voices are represented.

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Commission updates

- Chief Sustainability Officer's report
- Executive session
- Bylaws Committee
- Policy and Implementation Committee
- Youth framework for the Climate Action Plan

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City Administrator's Response and Implementation Plan

Recommendation 1

Centralized leadership, accountability, and coordination

- CSO will designate climate leads within each service area to coordinate between the Sustainability Office, Climate Practitioners, Commission, and service area leadership on work plans tied to the next CAP
- Accountability and authority structures will define how bureaus report progress, escalate challenges, and receive direction from the CSO
- CSO authority will be clarified and staffing needs assessed to support strategic direction, coordinate climate-related budget requests, track implementation, and facilitate cross-bureau coordination

Recommendation 2

Climate budgeting and costs considerations in the City budget

- CSO recommends the Commission consider a climate budget as part of the next CAP, enabling tracking of climate measures alongside financial expenditures
- Following C40's Climate Budgeting Framework, the approach embeds climate into annual budget cycles rather than treating it as a separate process, creating cross-organizational alignment between the CAP, PCEF's next Climate Investment Plan, and the city budget office
- Climate budgeting serves as a transparency tool: making visible what funding is needed to meet climate goals, true cost of delayed action, and how limited resources can be most strategically allocated

Recommendation 3

Integration of mitigation and adaptation in the next CAP

- Climate Change Risk Assessment (CCRA) will identify Portland's most significant climate risks and most vulnerable communities and assets, directly informing the next CAP's adaptation goals
- Next CAP will include an integration framework showing how mitigation and adaptation interact, including co-benefits and tradeoffs, so climate impact is evaluated holistically
- Commission will lead community engagement to ensure strategies reflect community priorities, with the City Performance Office developing metrics, baselines, and reporting structures for outcomes

Recommendation 4

Prioritization framework and actionable CAP

- Multi-criteria prioritization framework will evaluate CAP actions across climate impact, equity and justice, feasibility and implementation, and co-benefits and tradeoffs
- Commission will continue monitoring the Climate Emergency Workplan, bringing regular updates from service areas and near-term recommendations to the Mayor, City Administrator, and Council while the next CAP is developed
- Next CAP will be an implementation tool by design: with milestones, cost estimates, clear bureau roles, and outcome metrics

Recommendation 5

Community engagement strategy without burning out community

- Chief Engagement Officer and CSO will work with Commission to build a strategy centered on frontline communities, with clear principles around transparency, sustained engagement across all phases, and fair compensation for community involvement
- Existing community input will be honored and integrated, drawing from City climate work engagement, charter reform listening sessions, PCEF engagement, and Commission design workshops, to reduce community burnout and build on what's already been done
- Engagement gaps will be identified, focusing new engagement where community priorities remain unclear, while leveraging partnerships with Multnomah County and climate nonprofits to extend reach without duplicating asks

Questions and Discussion

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Amending documents during meetings

- Staff will share “all-up” draft version for live review and editing
- Commissioners propose amendments in Zoom chat
- Raise your hand after you make an amendment to discuss with the Commission
- Commissioners can discuss all amendments via “all-up”
- Proposals to move to voting must clearly specify what text is being considered
- Proposals for voting may be specific or many amendments under one vote
- Proposals are approved through modified consensus

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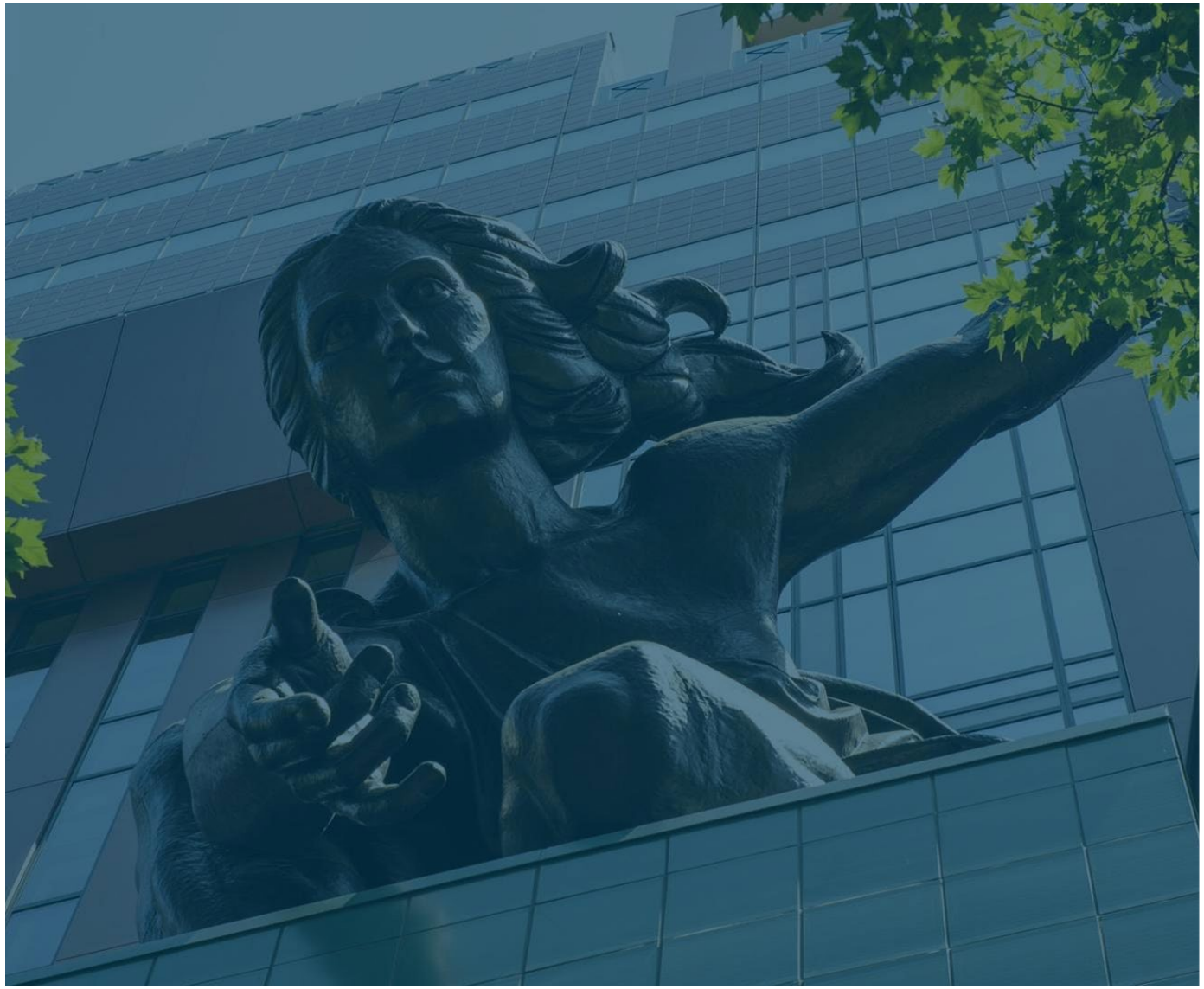
Next steps & reminders

Commissioners – fill out the feedback form in your email about this meeting

Next regular meeting **Thursday, May 21 from 6-8pm**

- Commissioner reminders
  - Youth commissioner cohort



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