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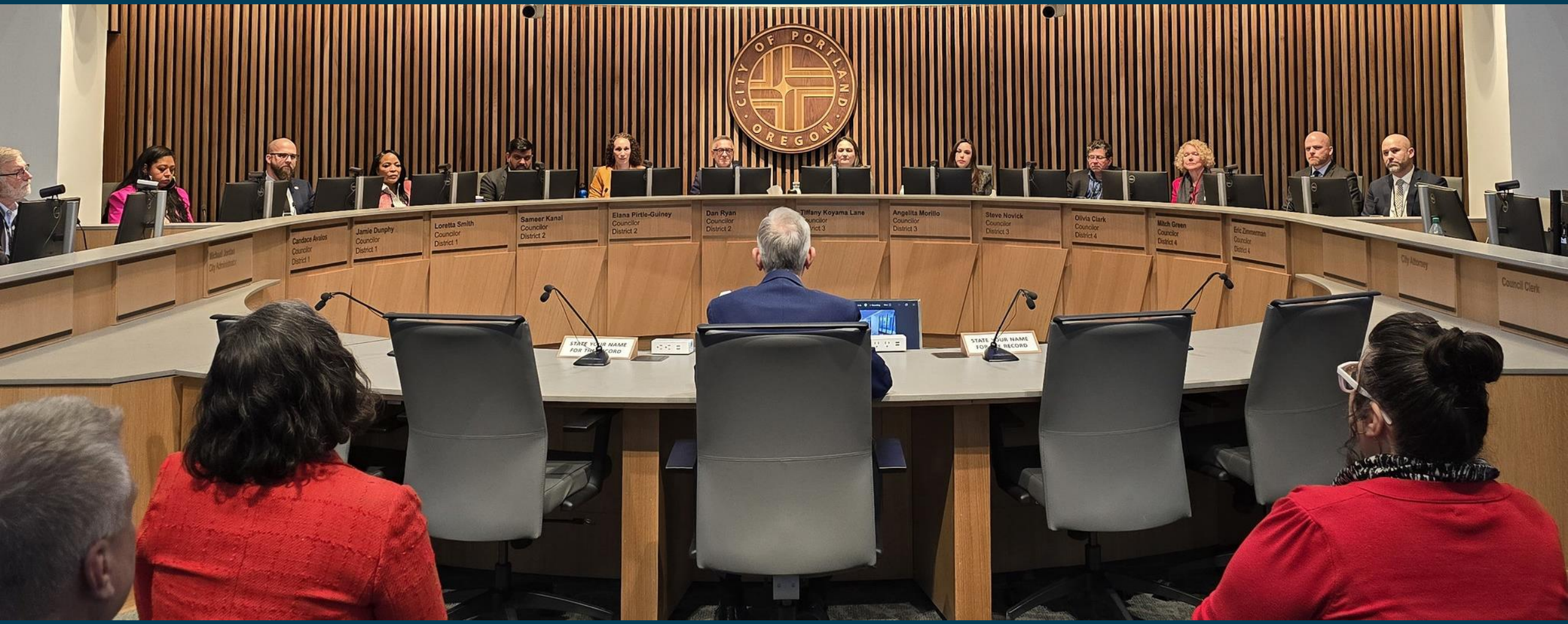
Portland's Government



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Agenda

1) Portland's New Government
2) Advisory Bodies at the City
3) Questions and Discussion

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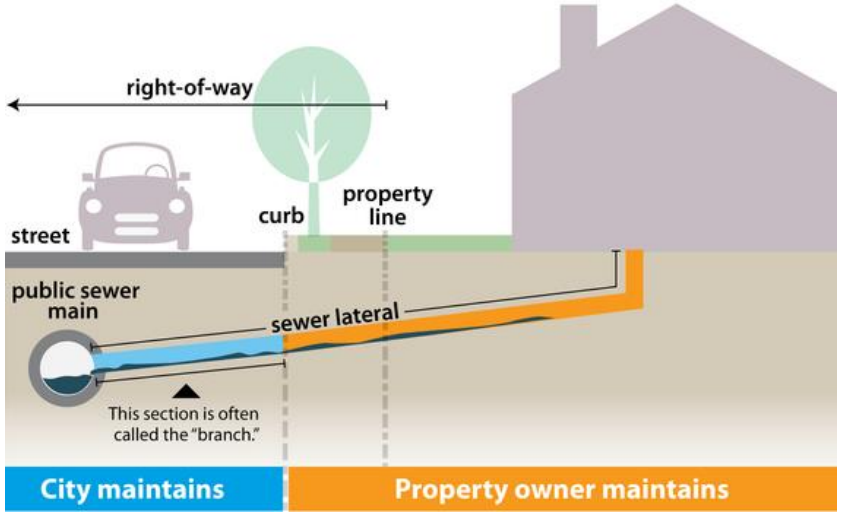
01 Portland's New Government

You interact with city government every day... without even knowing it

Maintenance of the Bull Run watershed and Portland's water system to provide reliable and safe drinking water.

Maintenance of roads, bike lanes, sidewalks and public rights-of-way.



Maintenance of storm drains, sewer treatment, and waste management

What changed?

TODAY		FUTURE	
	Vote for one candidate		Rank candidates
	Citywide elections		Four geographic districts
	Commission Form 4 commissioners + mayor who create policy AND oversee bureaus.		**Mayor-Council** 12 Councilors who create policy. Mayor manages city with a city administrator.

Mayor-Council Form of Government

12 councilors set policy.
The mayor manages city operations with a city administrator.

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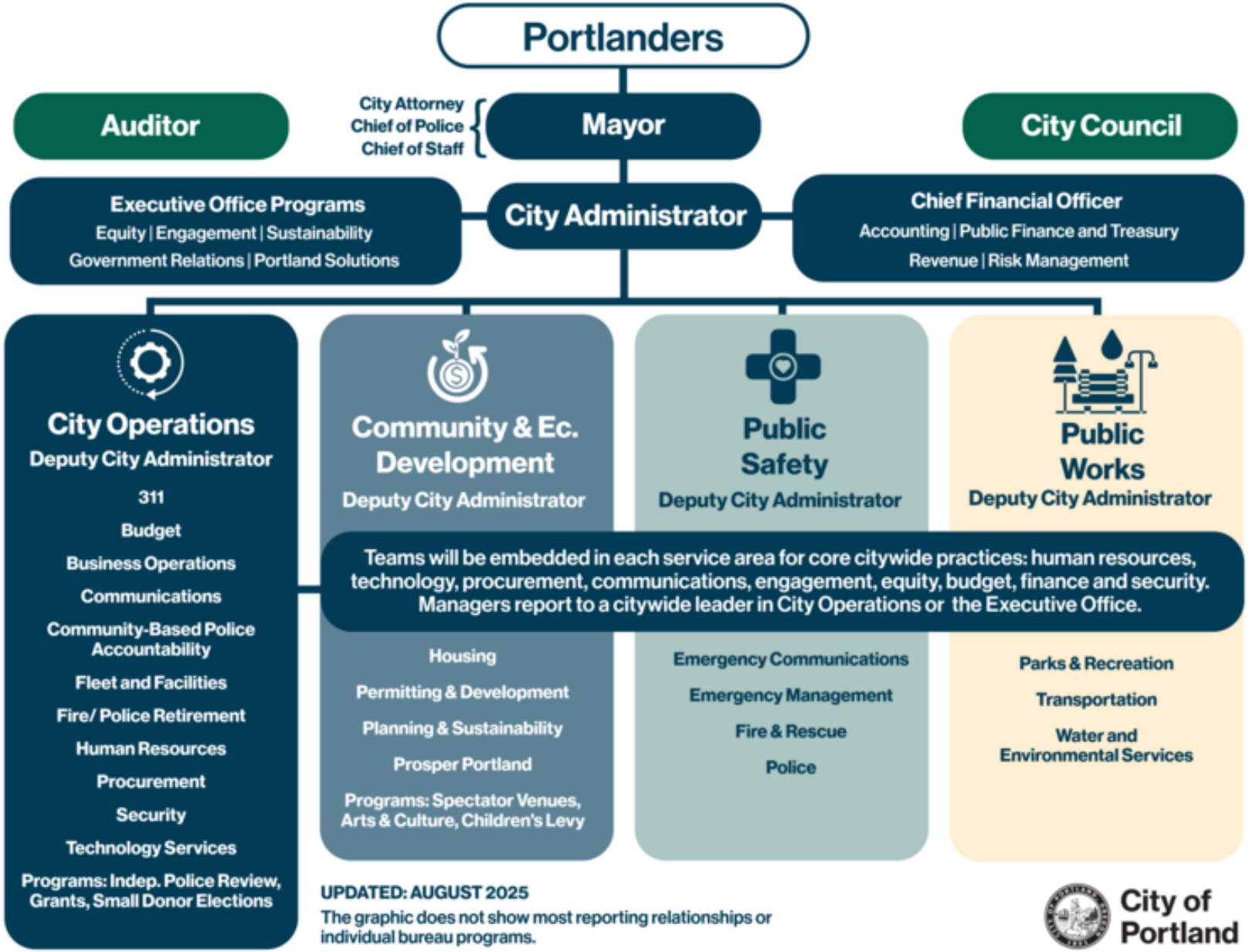
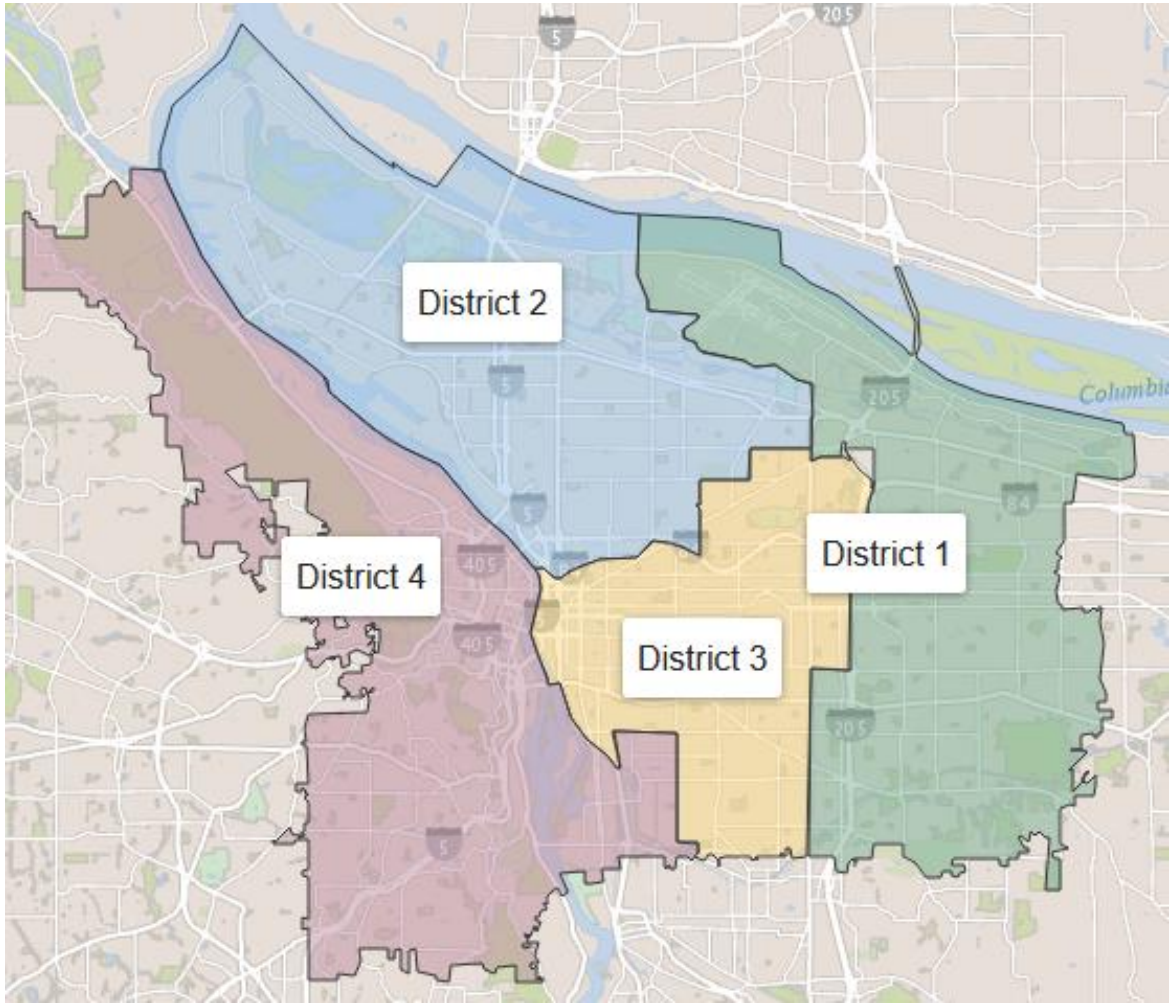


City of Portland Districts



Portland's Elected Officials

Auditor

Mayor

City Councilors

District 1

District 2

District 3

District 4

Council Officers

The council president and vice-president are elected yearly.

Council President

Elana Pirtle-Guiney

(District 2)

Council Vice-President

Tiffany Koyama Lane

(District 3)

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City Council Legislative Committees

- Transportation and Infrastructure
- Homelessness and Housing
- Climate, Resilience and Land Use
- Community and Public Safety
- Arts and Economy
- Labor and Workforce Development
- Finance
- Governance

Visit **portland.gov/council/policy-committees** to learn more.

The Auditor's Office

Mission: To ensure open and accountable government by providing independent and impartial reviews, access to public information, and services to city government and to the public.

- Ombudsman
- Audit Services
- Fraud Hotline
- Hearings Office
- Council Clerk
- Archives and Records Management
- City Elections Division
- Campaign Finance and Lobby Regulations

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02 Advisory Bodies at the City

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Advisory Bodies Enhancement Project

Project Goals

- Align the ABC program with Portland's new form of government including its new checks and balances and district-based representation
- Create a shared understanding of the overall goal and intent of advisory bodies
- Standardize equity-centered practices for appointments, operations, and volunteer and staff experience
- Promote better resourced and more empowered, meaningful, and integrated ABCs
- Ensure existing ABCs are continuing to address an identified need or goal of the City and ensure meaningful participation by those serving
- Expand the availability of information about ABCs so Portlanders know how to find and engage with their work

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Proposed Improvements

Foundational Work

- Citywide purpose statement
- Classification system

Lifecycle of ABCs

- Creation guidelines
- Bylaws and meetings*
- Relationship to City leadership*
- Periodic review
- Dissolution guidelines

Composition

- Recruitment to confirmation
- Diversity of applicants and members

Service

- Expectations*
- Restrictions*
- Supports*

Draft proposed improvements in Status Update #2
** items will be in Status Update #3*

ABCs contribute to good City governance that is made with Portlanders, for Portlanders

- Increase accountability in government actions
- Improve City policies and operations
- Enhance public trust and legitimacy
- Promote inclusive and collaborative governance
- Strengthen civic engagement and representation
- Advance racial justice and equity

Proposed Classification System

Class	Sub-Class
ABCs for which the City doesn't have sole authority to modify or dissolve their functions or bodies	"Independent" charter bodies
	Ballot measure oversight bodies
	Bodies that fulfill State or Federal law required functions
	Intergovernmental bodies
	Court mandated bodies
ABCs for which the City has sole authority to modify or dissolve their functions or bodies	Ongoing advisory bodies
	Time- or action-limited advisory bodies

Class	Sub-Class	ABC Examples
ABCs for which the City doesn't have sole authority to modify or dissolve their functions or bodies	"Independent" charter bodies	
	Ballot measure oversight bodies	Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund Committee
	Bodies that fulfill State or Federal law required functions	Planning Commission
	Intergovernmental bodies	
	Court mandated bodies	
ABCs for which the City has sole authority to modify or dissolve their functions or bodies	Ongoing advisory bodies	• Sustainability and Climate Commission • Urban Forestry Commission
	Time- or action-limited advisory bodies	

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Relationship to City Leadership

- ABC reports and City response
- Annual work sessions
- Opportunities for input

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Service Expectations

- Complete a set on onboarding trainings
- Disclose any real or potential conflicts of interest
- Comply with the City's Code of Ethics
- Comply with the Prohibition Against Workplace Harassment, Discrimination and Retaliation Rule
- Refrain from behavior that may be considered discourteous
- Adhere to the attendance policy
- Make a good faith effort to participate in their full designated term of service
- Sign a participation agreement

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Stay Engaged: Advisory Bodies Enhancement Project

Project Webpage & Feedback Survey:

portland.gov/AdvisoryEnhancementProject

Community Input Sessions Registration:

portland.gov/civic/advisorygroups/events

Project Email:

advisorybodies@portlandoregon.gov

Citywide Newsletter:

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03 Questions & Discussion

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