City of Portland

Sustainability and Climate Commission

Climate, Resilience, and Land Use Committee

February 26, 2026

Agenda

01 Commission overview and scope

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Purpose

- Advance and develop climate action and outcomes across the City
- Focus on environmental justice and accountability
- Creates and evaluates City's Climate Action Plan
    - Identifies specific actions to accomplish City's sustainability and climate goals
    - Outlines associated outcomes

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Focus areas

- Buildings and homes
- Climate change resiliency and adaptation
- Energy and renewables
- Environmental justice and equity
- Green workforce and labor
- Urban forest, natural systems, and carbon management
- Urban form and transportation
- Waste prevention, recycling, and solid waste
- Youth

Powers and duties

- Hold hearings and work sessions; create committees and joint-committees;
- Advise City Council on policies and budget decisions;
- Advise the Mayor and City Administrator on plans, implementation, and budget requests;
- Recommend actions to be taken by City Council, the Mayor and the City Administrator;
- Provide a forum for community members to learn about and give input to policies and programs that promote effective climate action;
- Evaluate and create accountability for the City's past and current sustainability and climate goals, projects, policies, and programs;
- Advocate to external decision-making bodies that align with the City's climate goals.

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Membership

- 20 total active members, including 4 dedicated youth seats (ages 16 – 24)
- Broad representation of Portland's diverse communities and socioeconomics
- At least two individuals from each of the City Council's districts
- Four-year staggered terms; youth-designated terms one-year
- Must have:
    - Expertise or lived experience in sustainability and climate issues
    - Acceptance of human-made climate-science
    - Motivation towards collaborative climate action

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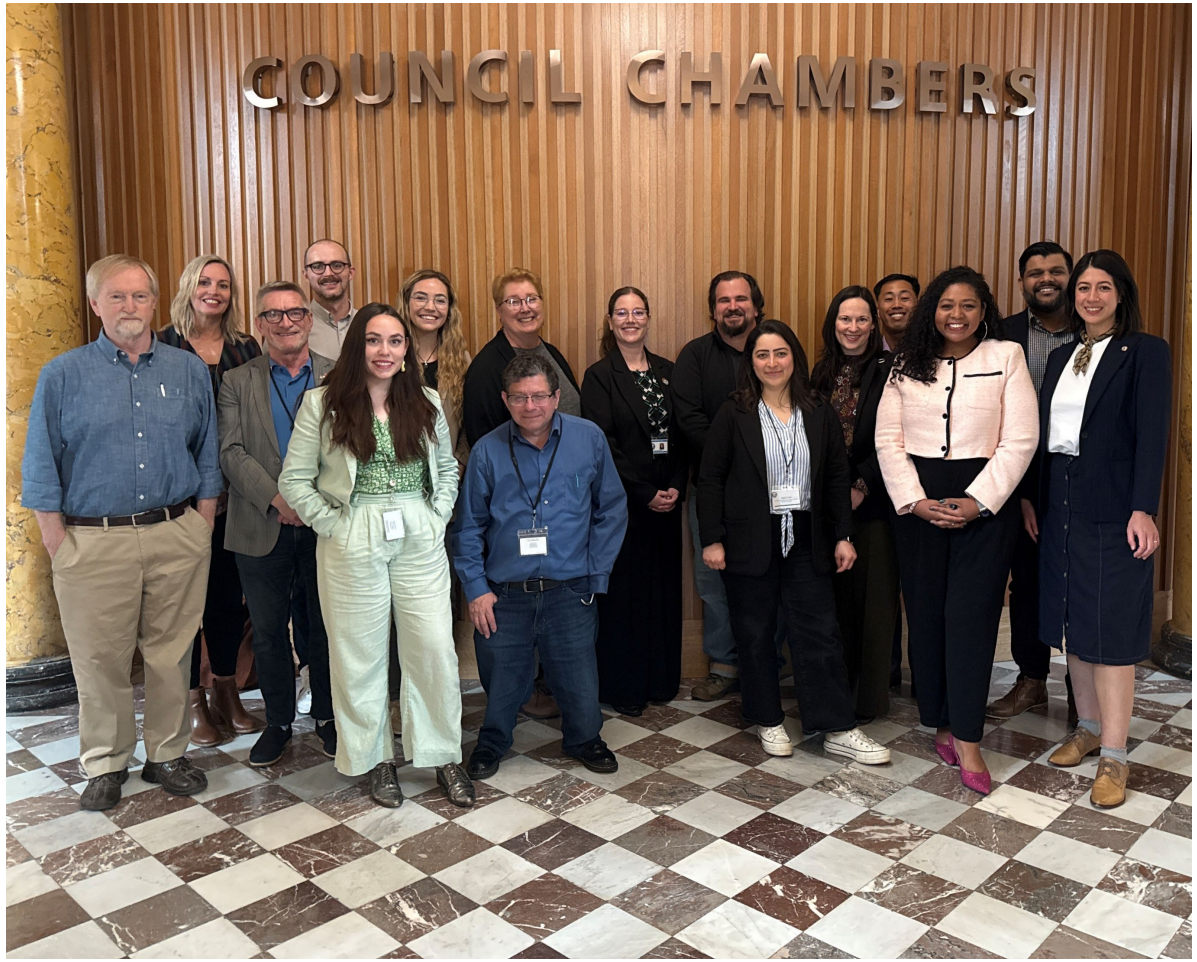

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Members

Full biographies at:
Portland.gov/scc/scc-members

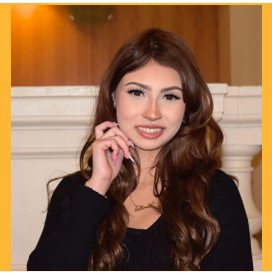
Four-year terms

Damon Motz-Storey D1 **Jessica Zahn** D1 **José Gamero-Georgeson** D1 **Maya Puggarana** D2 **Vivek Shandas** D2 **Charity Fain** D3 **Nora Apter** D3 **Dana Visse** D4

Two-year terms

Alina Pawchareune D2 **Galen Whalen** D2 **Greg Retsinas** D2 **Dan Trifone** D3 **Angus Duncan** D4 **Sriya Chinnam** D4 **Suze Wehr** D4 **Stephanie Kaza** D3

Youth one- year terms



Celeste Ruiz D1 **Luna González González** D4 **Eesa Taylor** D4 **Leah Almeida** D4

Alternates

Garrett Wong D2 **Carla Chen** D3 **Holland Burd** Student in D4 **Skai Dancey** Employed in D4

Leadership

José Gamero-Georgeson

Co-Chair

District 1

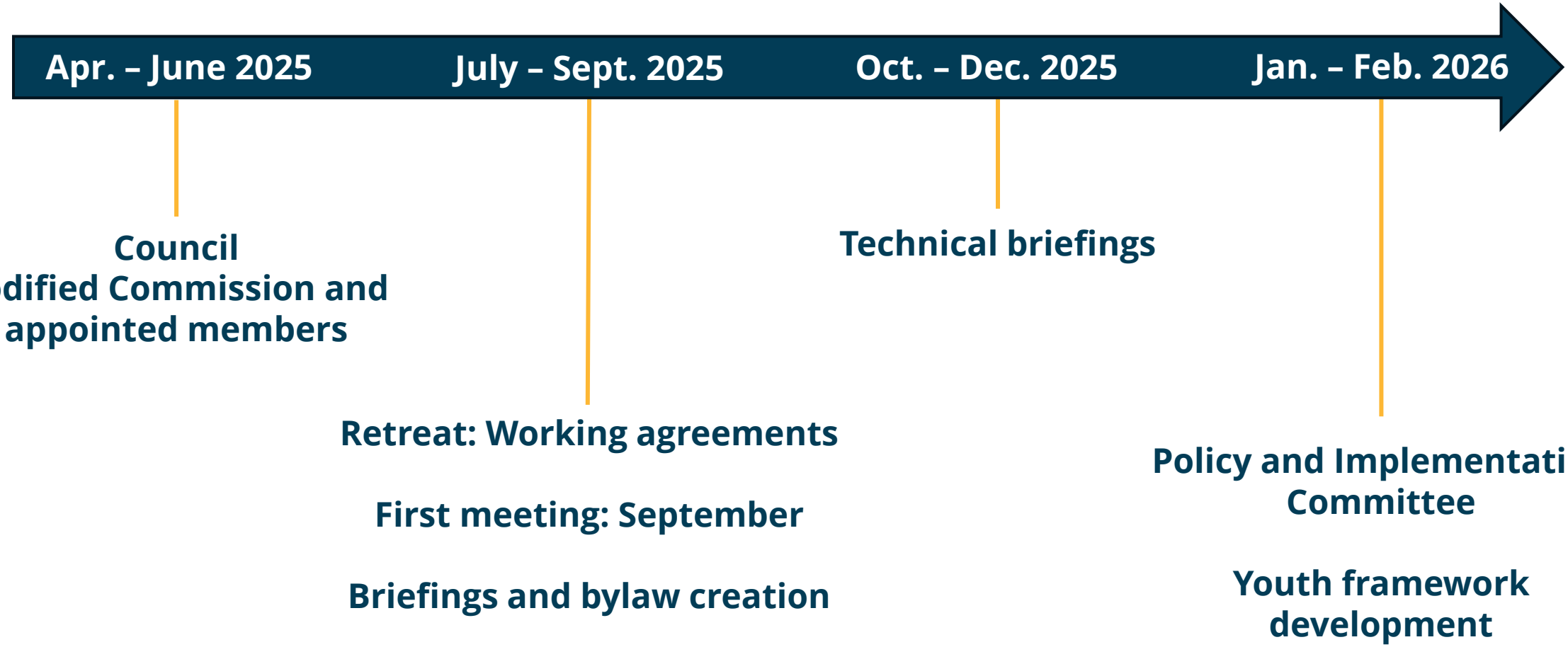
Eesa Taylor

Co-Chair

District 4

Youth commissioner

Work to date


Apr. – June 2025
July – Sept. 2025
Oct. – Dec. 2025
Jan. – Feb. 2026
Council codified Commission and appointed members
Retreat: Working agreements
First meeting: September
Briefings and bylaw creation
Technical briefings
Policy and Implementation Committee
Youth framework development

Key accomplishments

Establishment

- Created commission with 20 members

Operational launch

- Established governance structures

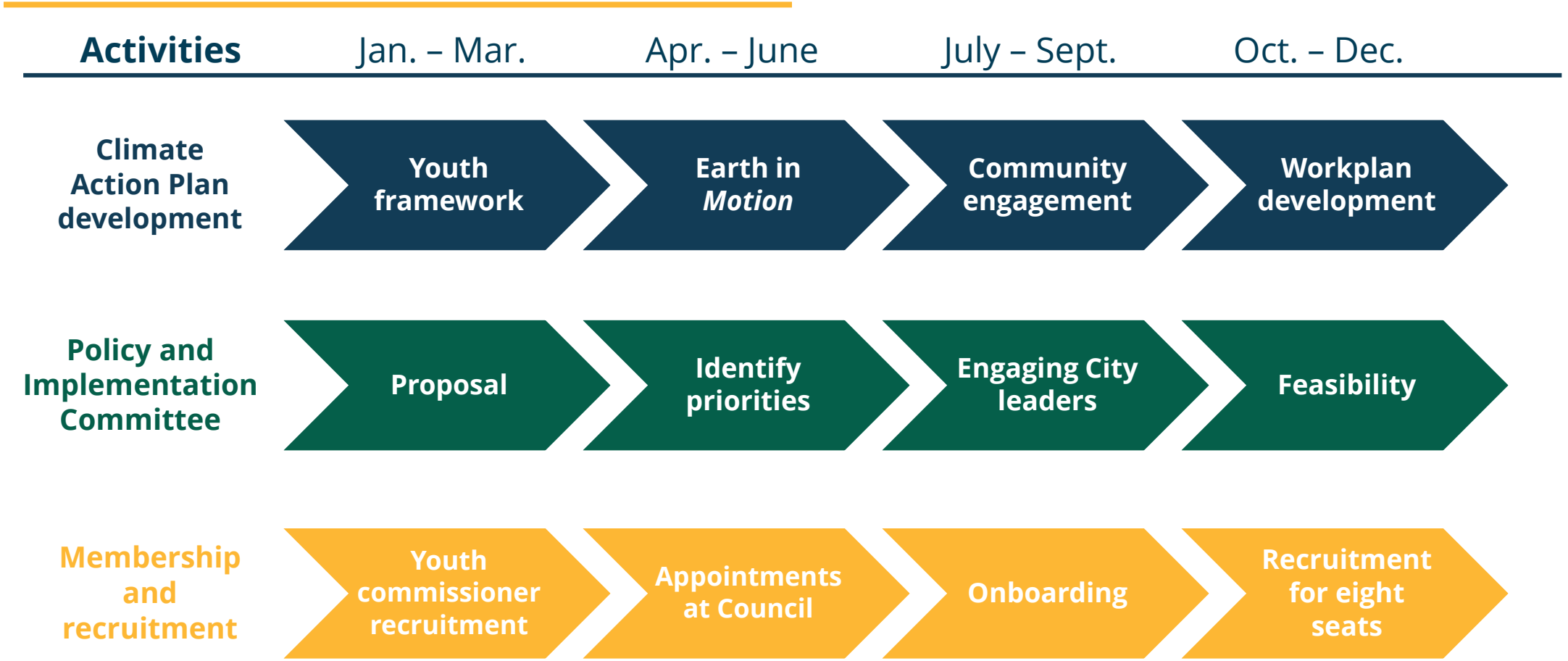
Knowledge baseline

- Briefing series on Portland's climate work

Transition to active work

- Near-term climate priorities

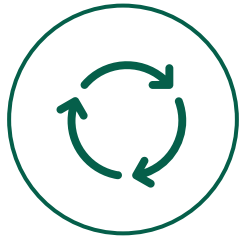
2026 workplan



Council engagement

Climate Action Plan development

Ongoing updates and adoption in 2028



Policy and Implementation Committee

Recommendations and guidance given to Council on near-term climate priorities

Membership

Council report

Thank you

Questions and Discussion

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