City of Portland

Sustainability and Climate Commission

Regular meeting – work session - Thursday, February 19, 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

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- Executive session
- Bylaws Committee
- Power to the Youth Retreat

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Reflection

1. Over the past several months of onboarding and briefings, what themes or connections stood out? Where did you see the same challenges or opportunities showing up in different parts of the City's climate work?

2. What surprised you most about the current state of Portland's climate work, either in terms of what's already happening or what's missing that’s within the City’s scope?

3. The Climate Emergency Workplan's final progress report showed 79% of actions remain ongoing, 13% achieved, and 9% delayed. As commissioners, what does that tell you about where the City needs the most support right now?

Action

1. Given what you've learned about the City's current priorities — economic development, public safety, housing, addressing financial stability — where do you see climate action overlapping with those priorities in ways that create momentum to achieves multiple goals?

2. What feels most urgent to you right now? Is that urgency about preventing harm, seizing an opportunity, both, or something else?

3. What areas where the City is already doing climate-relevant work needs to be recognized, connected, or strengthened?

Structure

1. We're about to begin developing the next Climate Action Plan, which is a process that will run from now through early 2028. At the same time, we know the climate crisis isn't waiting for a plan. How do you think about balancing the need for near-term action with the longer-term planning process?

2. The intent of this committee is to advance near-term climate priorities grounded in the Climate Emergency Workplan while the Commission develops the next Climate Action Plan. What should this committee's core purpose be? What would success look like in 6 months? In a year?

3. The committee could serve several functions: identifying policy opportunities that overlap with City priorities, supporting climate work already underway, or surfacing new opportunities. Which of these feel most important right now, and why?

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Amending documents during meetings

- Staff will share “all-up” draft version for live review and editing
- Live amendments must be typed into the chat, then raise your Zoom hand to guide staff in adding amendments into “all-up” draft
- Commissioners can discuss all amendments via “all-up”
- Voting
  - One vote to create the committee as documented
  - Call for volunteers for members, vote to appoint members to committee
  - Voting through modified consensus – affirmative, stand aside, or no

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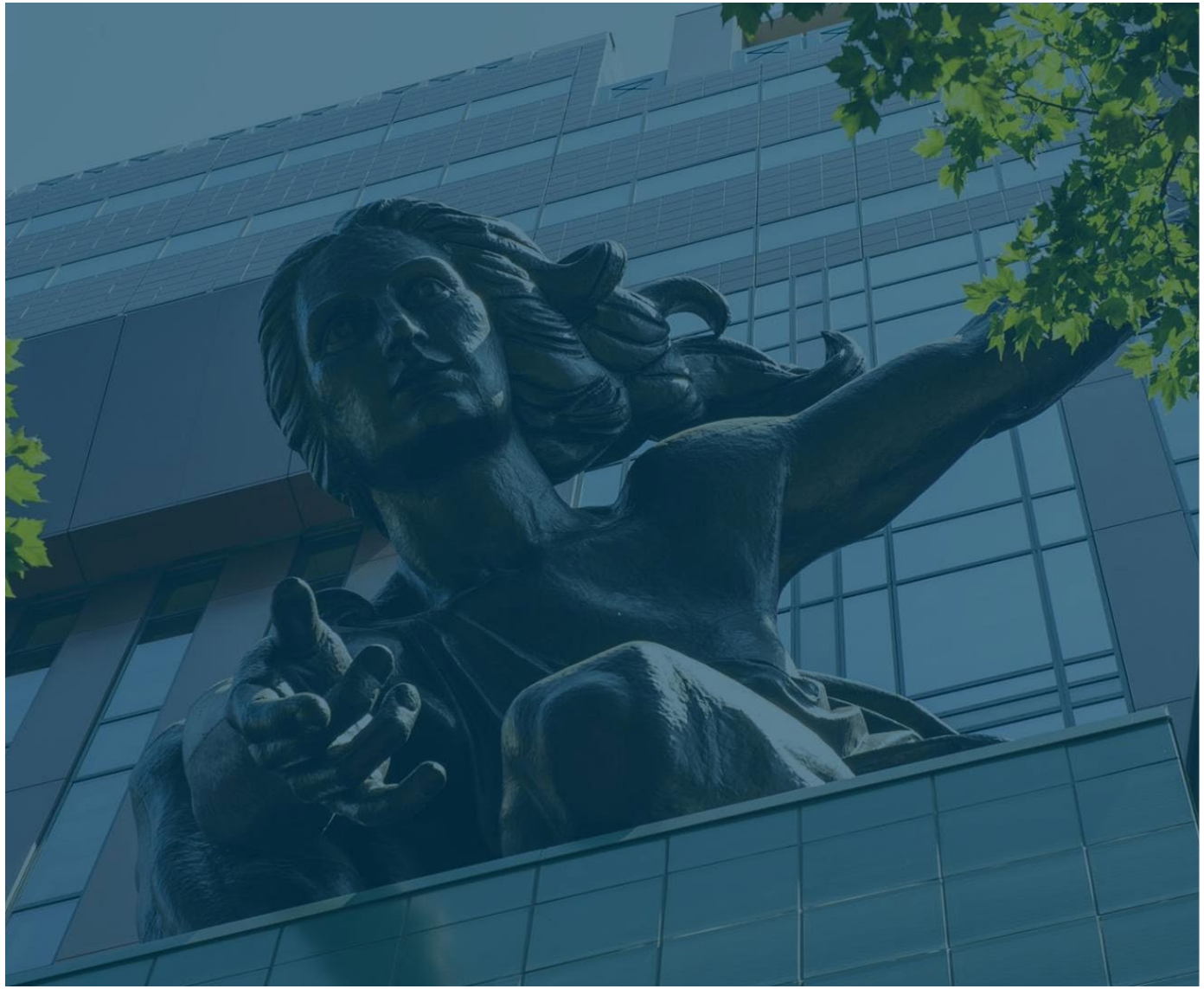
Next steps & reminders

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

Next regular meeting **Thursday, March 19 from 6-8pm**

- Commissioner reminders
  - Retreat: Monday, February 23 from 5-8 pm; in-person



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Questions and Discussion: contact sccinfo@portlandoregon.gov

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