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Sustainability and Climate Commission

Regular meeting – Thursday, July 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
- Leadership Team Meetings
- Policy and Implementation Committee

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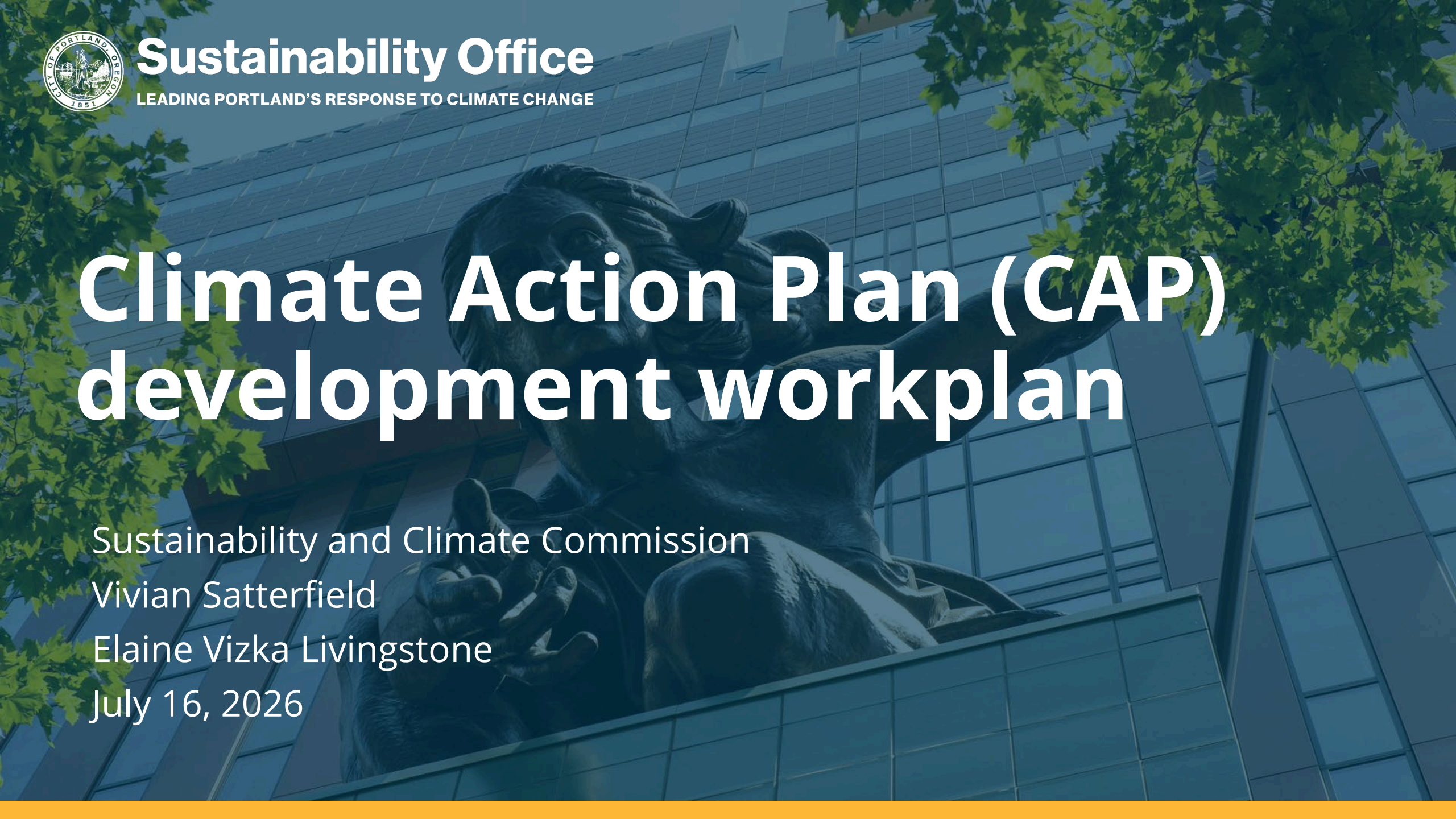

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LEADING PORTLAND'S RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate Action Plan (CAP) development workplan

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Vivian Satterfield

Elaine Vizka Livingstone

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Briefing agenda

01 Governance, roles, and collaboration

02 Commissioner terms and transitions

03 Focus areas and workgroup sessions

05 Frameworks

06 Community engagement

07 Discussion and questions

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Governance, roles, and collaboration

Led by Chief Sustainability Officer
With Mayor, City Administrator, all DCAs, officers, bureau directors, and Council

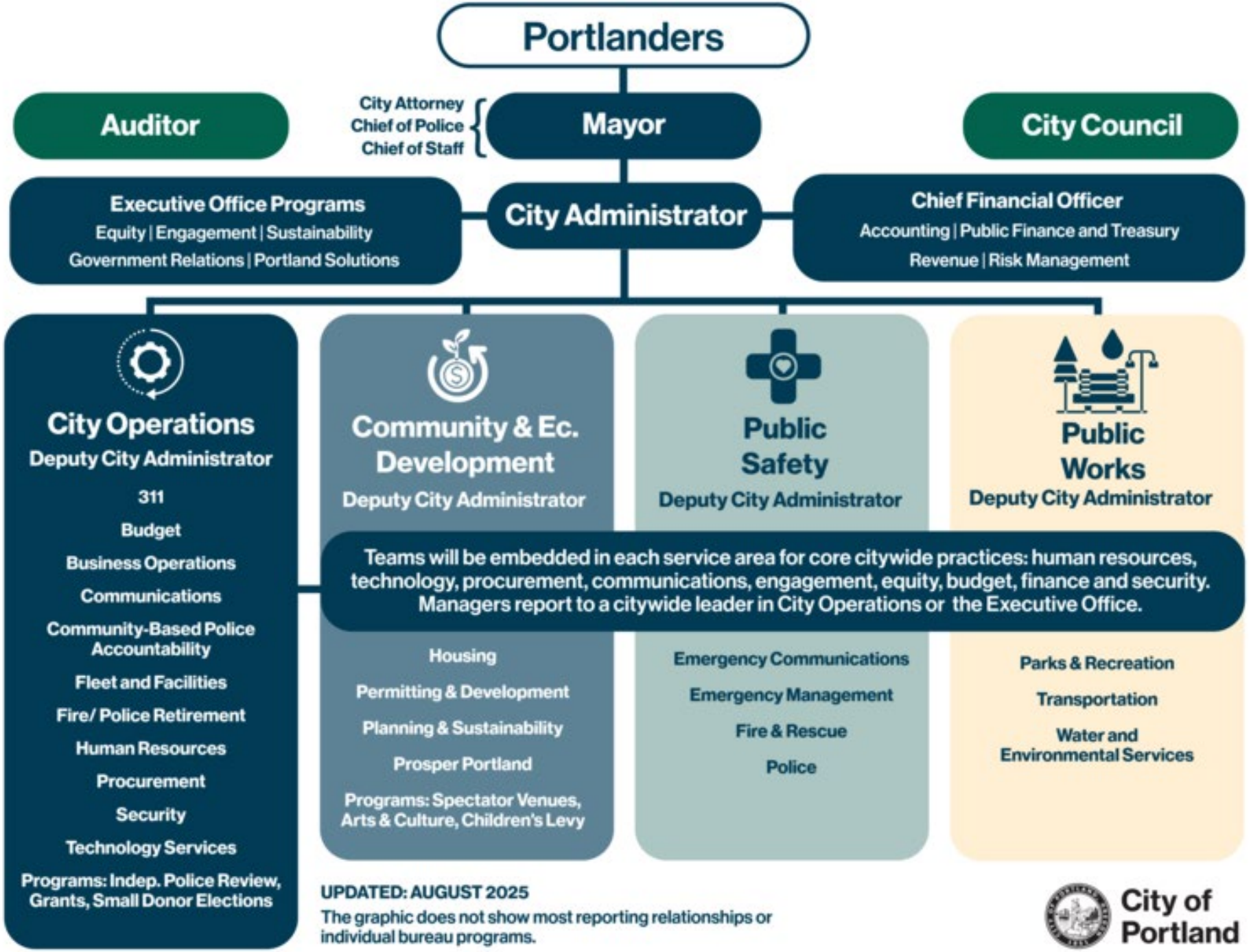
20 Commissioners - Community, public-facing vetting, steering, and engagement

Technical team that Includes staff expertise:

- Climate Change Risk Assessment
- Communications
- Emissions inventory
- Engagement
- Equity
- Financial and economic analyst
- PCEF liaison
- Performance metrics

Council adopts CAP

Staff subject matter experts from across service areas coordinate Commission workgroup sessions by focus area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Auditor
City Attorney
Chief of Police
Chief of Staff
Mayor
City Council
Executive Office Programs
Equity | Engagement | Sustainability
Government Relations | Portland Solutions
City Administrator
Chief Financial Officer
Accounting | Public Finance and Treasury
Revenue | Risk Management
City Operations
Deputy City Administrator
311
Budget
Business Operations
Communications
Community-Based Police Accountability
Fleet and Facilities
Fire/ Police Retirement
Human Resources
Procurement
Security
Technology Services
Programs: Indep. Police Review, Grants, Small Donor Elections
Community & Ec. Development
Deputy City Administrator
Housing
Permitting & Development
Planning & Sustainability
Prosper Portland
Programs: Spectator Venues, Arts & Culture, Children's Levy
Public Safety
Deputy City Administrator
Emergency Communications
Emergency Management
Fire & Rescue
Police
Public Works
Deputy City Administrator
Parks & Recreation
Transportation
Water and Environmental Services
Teams will be embedded in each service area for core citywide practices: human resources, technology, procurement, communications, engagement, equity, budget, finance and security. Managers report to a citywide leader in City Operations or the Executive Office.
UPDATED: AUGUST 2025
The graphic does not show most reporting relationships or individual bureau programs.
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Terms and transitions

June 2029 terms

Damon Motz-Storey D1

Jessica Zahn D1

José Gamero-Georgeson D1

Maya Puggarana D2

Vivek Shandas D2

Charity Fain D3

Nora Apter D3

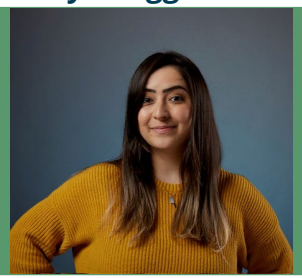
Dana Visse D4

June 2027 terms

Alina Pawchareune D2

Galen Whalen D2

Greg Retsinas D2


Carla Chen D3

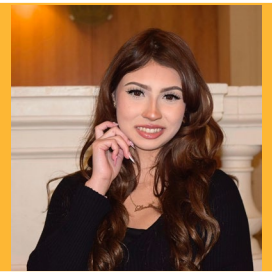
Dan Trifone D3

Angus Duncan D4

Suze Wehr D4

Stephanie Kaza D3

Youth - June 2027 terms


Celeste Ruiz D1

Christian Flores D1

Alma Valls D4, student in D3

Shubh Narayan D4

Alternates

Garrett Wong D2

Giovanni Vaz Student in D2

Ben Hodgson D3

Skai Dancey Employed in D4

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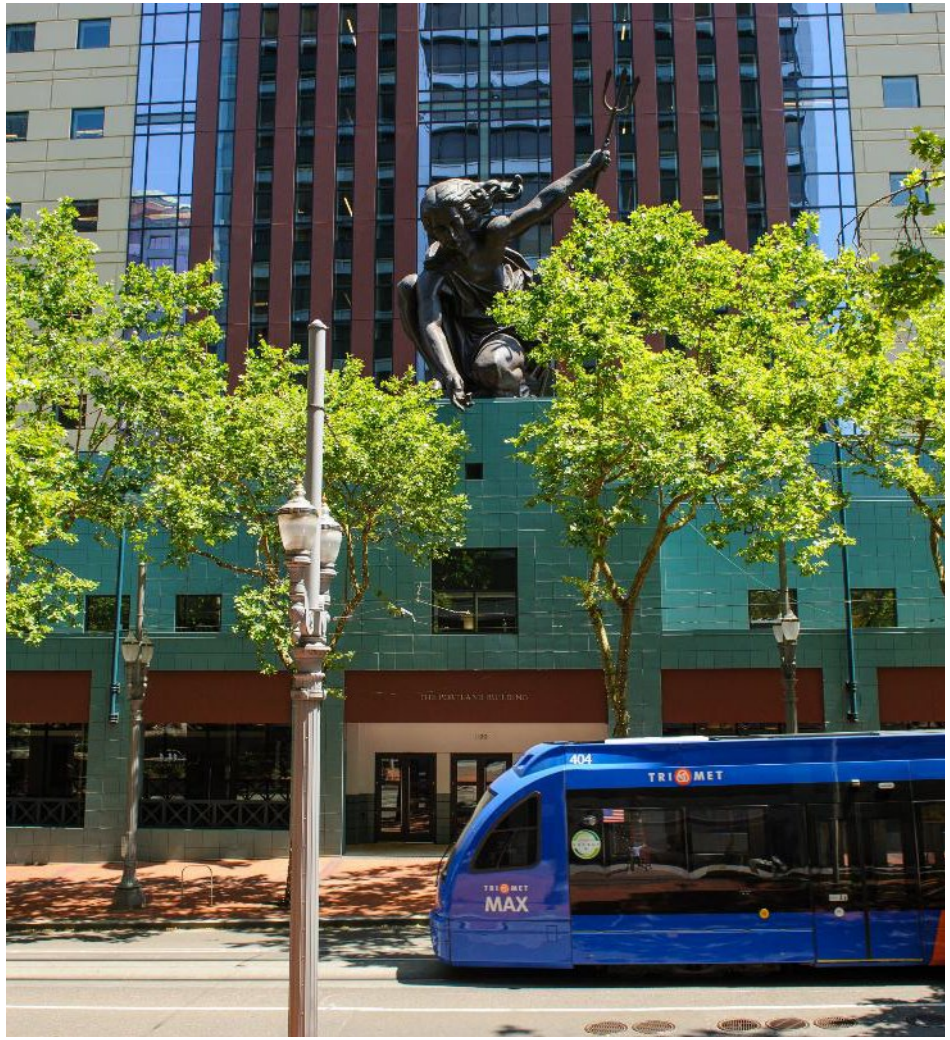
Commission focus areas

- Adaptation and resilience
- Buildings and homes
- Energy and renewables
- Environmental justice and equity
- Green workforce and labor
- Nature-based solutions and healthy habitats
- Sustainable materials management
- Urban form and transportation
- Youth empowerment



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Adaptation and resilience

Preparing Portland for the worsening impacts of climate change, including flooding, extreme heat, wildfire smoke, infrastructure vulnerability, by building adaptative capacity and enabling quick recovery after a disaster.

Examples:

- Emergency and risk planning (flooding, wildfire, smoke, heat, etc.)
- Resilience hubs
- Infrastructure adaptation

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Buildings and homes

Decarbonizing Portland's built environment through energy efficiency, electrification, retrofits, onsite solar, and building codes for residential and commercial properties in both public and private markets.

Examples:

- Electrifying buildings and homes
- Energy retrofits
- Eliminating operational carbon

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Energy and renewables

Transitioning Portland to 100% clean electricity and community-owned renewable energy, decarbonizing the grid and energy systems that power buildings, vehicles, and industry, and reducing energy use.

Examples:

- 100% clean electricity
- Community-owned renewable energy
- Grid independence

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Environmental justice and equity

A through-line across all focus areas, centering Black, Indigenous, and low-income Portlanders who are hit first and hardest by climate impacts and ensuring equitable distribution of climate burdens and benefits.

Examples:

- Investments in frontline neighborhoods
- Understanding local history to inform decision making
- Just transition to clean energy

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Green workforce and labor

Building a just and inclusive green economy to create jobs in the clean energy transition and climate mitigation and adaptation, with an emphasis on workforce development, labor standards, and community capacity building.

Examples:

- Green job creation
- Workforce capacity building
- Just labor standards

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Nature-based solutions and healthy habitats

Protecting and expanding Portland's urban forest, natural areas, waterways, and green infrastructure to sequester carbon, manage stormwater, reduce urban heat, support biodiversity, and build community resilience.

Examples:

- Natural resource, wildlife, and watershed stewardship
- Green infrastructure
- Bioswales and stormwater management

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Sustainable materials management

Reducing embodied carbon from consumption, including building materials, food and packaging waste, and the full lifecycle of goods through waste prevention, composting, reuse, deconstruction, and sustainable procurement.

Examples:

- Deconstruction and embodied carbon
- Sustainable procurement
- Food waste prevention

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Urban form and transportation

Reducing transportation emissions and vehicle miles traveled through urban form planning, low-carbon mobility options, pricing strategies, freight decarbonization, electrification, and the integration of safety and equitable access. Land use planning actions and integration to support compact, connected communities.

Examples:

- Equitable mobility
- Electrical vehicles and reducing vehicle miles traveled
- Renewable fuels

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Youth empowerment

A through-line across all focus areas centering voices, leadership, and long-term interests of young Portlanders in climate action.

Examples:

- Multnomah Youth Commission
- Youth access to opportunity and transportation
- Youth engagement infrastructure

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12 Commission workgroup sessions

October 2026 – October 2027: Staff CAPtains leading sessions with Commission members – 9 focus areas

*Framework sessions 3 focus areas - environmental justice and equity, green workforce and labor, and youth empowerment

Session 1 – Oct	Session 2 – Nov	Session 3 – Dec	Session 4 – Jan	Session 5 – Feb	Session 6 – Mar
Background and context	**Barrier, gaps, and challenges**	**Community engagement history**	**Draft actions** or ***Develop framework**	**Prioritization 1 Feasibility:** or ***Finalize framework criteria**	***Prioritization 2: 3 focus area frameworks**

Session 7 – Apr	Session 8 - May	Session 9 - June	Session 10 - July	Session 11 – Aug	Session 12 – Sep
Community engagement: toolkit	**Community engagement: additional strategies**	**Prioritization 3: Climate impacts** or ***Draft action analyses**	**Prioritization 4: Co-benefits and tradeoffs** or ***Feedback to other focus areas**	**Implementation tool**	**Public comment draft**

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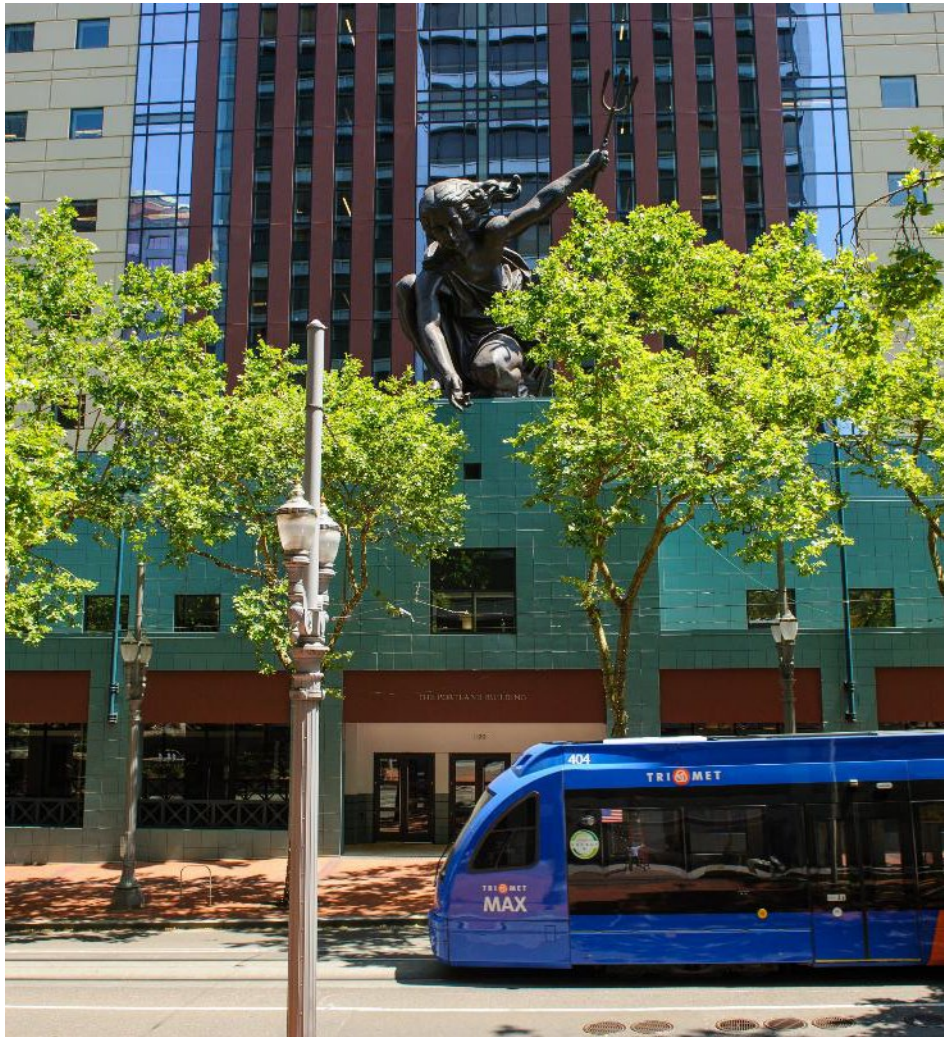
Commissioner focus area sign up

- Microsoft form via email
- Select top four focus areas
- Fill out availability
- Must be a part of one focus area
- Youth and only youth must be a part of youth empowerment



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Frameworks

Existing frameworks

- C40 climate action planning
- C40 climate budgeting

Staff core team created frameworks

- Prioritization framework
    - climate impacts
    - feasibility
    - co-benefits and tradeoffs
- Adaptation and mitigation

Commission created frameworks – 3 focus areas

- Environmental justice and equity
- Green workforce and labor
- Youth empowerment

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Community engagement

- Commission – ecosystem mapping
- Staff – landscape and gap analysis
- Workgroup sessions 3 – synthesized community engagement results for all focus areas

Thank you

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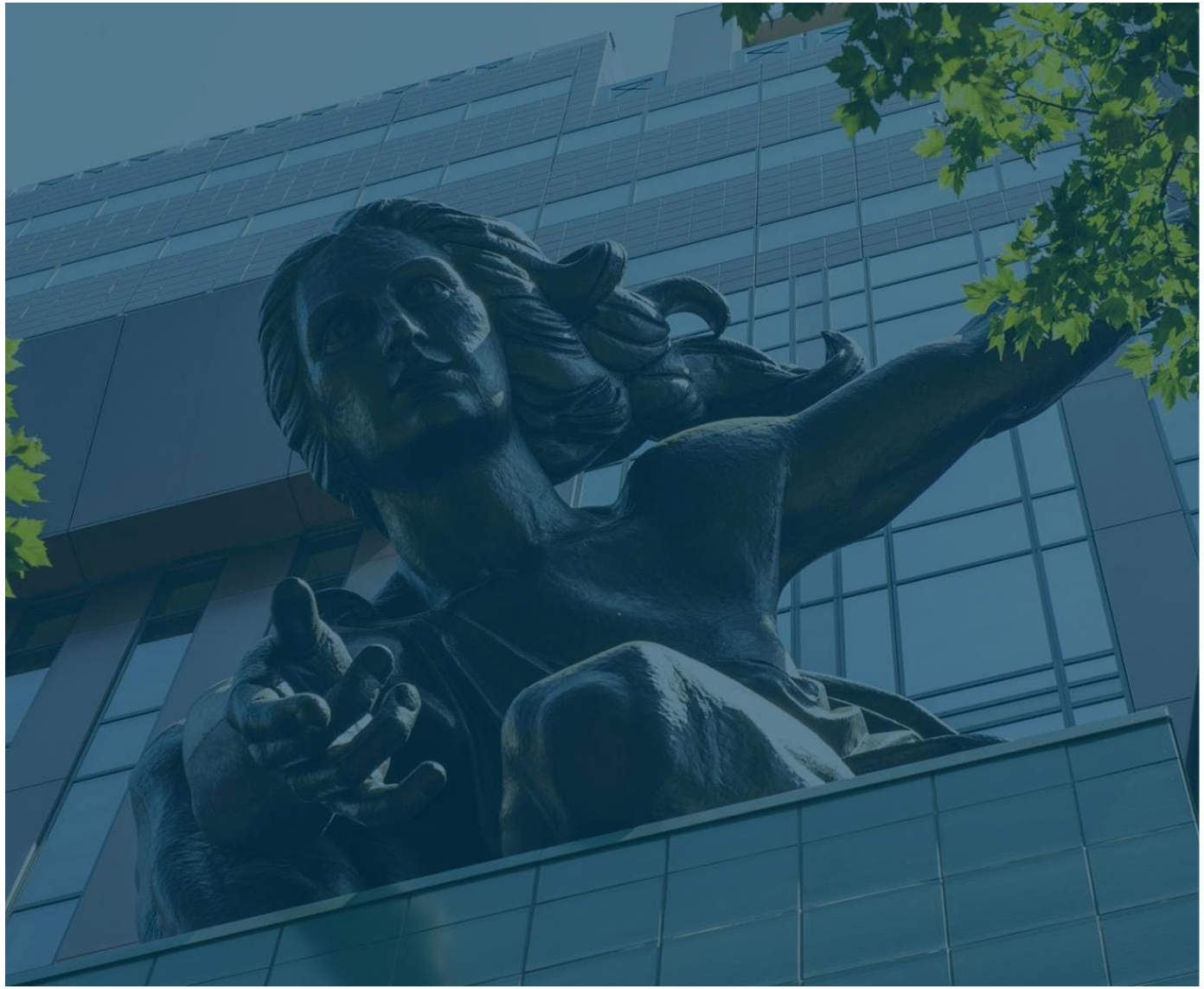
Next steps & reminders

Commissioners – fill out the feedback form in about this meeting, include any feedback or questions about the CAP workplan

Next regular meeting **Thursday, August 20, 6-8 p.m.**

August regular meeting – CEI informational briefing; community engagement mapping

September regular meeting – rescheduled to Thursday, September 23; virtual only; Climate Change Risk Assessment briefing



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