City of Portland

Sustainability and Climate Commission

Regular meeting – Thursday, May 21, 2026

Agenda

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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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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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My future plans: Attending Princeton University, and going into law school to pursue environmental policy

I want to offer my sincerest thanks to this commission and all the experiences it has given me. Being on this commission has taught me to adapt and grow as a leader, and has taught me the importance of taking action through the small details. I hope to take what I've learned here to impact every community I enter in the future.

The main lesson I've learned is to find joy and fulfillment in the positive contributions you have made and can make, regardless of the outcome

Eesa Taylor

Luna González González

- Thank you for creating such a welcoming space and helping me learn and grow as an environmental advocate!
- I loved meeting everyone and learning about the many different ways to get involved with sustainability work
- Words of wisdom: Listen to understand. We want to be heard
- Future plans: I will be studying Environmental Engineering at MIT :)

Thank you!

I am so grateful for this experience, and I value the connections I have formed on the SCC. Thank you so much for this incredible opportunity!

Holland Burd

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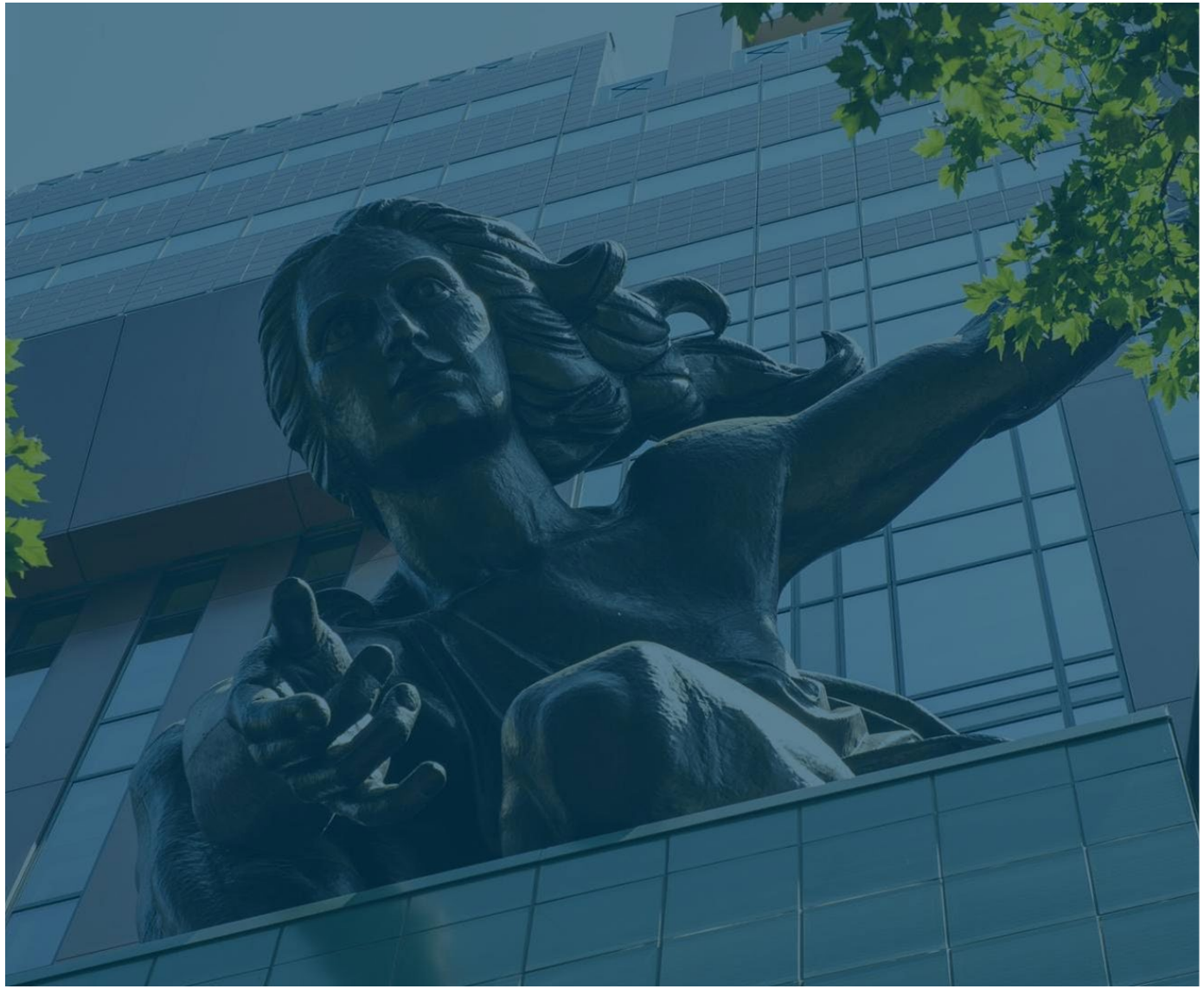
Next steps & reminders

Commissioners – fill out the feedback form in about this meeting

Next regular meeting **Thursday, June 18**



Thank you

Questions and Discussion: contact sccinfo@portlandoregon.gov

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