

**Remote HHS and Public Safety
Meeting Agenda**
February 11, 2025 at 5:30 PM
Remote Meeting



MEMBERS

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Councilor Sarah Michniewicz, District 1
Councilor Wesley Pelletier, District 2

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Topic: HHS&PS Committee

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1. Announcements
2. Review and Approval of Minutes from January 14, 2025
 - a. January 14, 2025 Draft Minutes
3. The State of Childcare in Portland (Councilor Anna Bullett, Chair)
 - a. Panel Discussion (Executive Director of Youth & Family Outreach, Camelia Babson-Haley; Director of Starting Strong, Katie Soucy; Early Care and Education Associate Director in the DHHS Office of Child and Family Services, Tara Williams)
4. Discussion Re: ARPA Funding for the Expansion/improvement of Public Restrooms (Ethan Hipple, Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities Department)

In 2021, the City Council appropriated \$600,000 to expanding the availability of public restrooms in Portland. Of that funding, approximately \$203,000 remains and must be spent by December 31, 2025. At the February 11 Committee meeting, staff will present two options for the remainder of the funding and seek Committee feedback.

 - a. Staff Update
5. Public Safety Update (Jason King, Police Major)
 - a. Update
6. Discussion: 2025-2026 Warming/Cooling Shelter (Councilor Anna Bullett, Chair)
7. Finalization of the Health & Human Services and Public Safety Committee 2025 Work Plan (Councilor Anna Bullett, Chair)
 - a. Draft work plan
8. Next Meeting: March 11, 2025