

**Remote Joint City/School Finance
Committee Meeting Agenda
Thursday, March 20, 2025
5:00 PM**



MEMBERS
Councilor April Fournier, Chair
Councilor Benjamin Grant
Councilor Wesley Pelletier
Mayor Mark Dion (Ex-Officio)

Remote via ZOOM

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1. Introductions

2. Presentation of FY26 Portland Public Schools Superintendent's Budget

At the meeting the Joint City/School Finance Committee will hear a presentation from Portland Public Schools (PPS) Superintendent Ryan Scallon on the proposed 2025-2026

school year budget. The theme of the FY26 budget proposal is “Funding Our Priorities” and reflects the fact that the investments proposed in this budget directly align with the priorities of the PPS five-year Strategic Plan. Questions will be taken on the presentation and responses will either be provided at the current meeting or compiled for response at the Thursday, 3/27 Joint City/School Finance Committee meeting. This is a discussion item only, no action is scheduled at the current meeting.

3. Future Meeting Dates / Topics (all meeting times 5PM)

- **Thursday, March 27th**
 - Presentation of City Manager’s Recommended CIP (Public Hearing and Vote)
 - FY26 Portland Public Schools Superintendent’s Budget - Follow Up and Q&A
 - Presentation of FY24 (6/30/24) Audit Results - CBIZ LLP
- **Tuesday, April 15th** - Finance Committee begins discussion of FY26 City Manager’s Recommended Budget - Overview Presentation, Department Presentations TBA
- **Tuesday, April 29th** - Finance Committee continues discussion of FY26 City Manager’s Recommended Budget - Departments TBA
- **Tuesday, May 1st** - Finance Committee continues discussion of FY26 City Manager’s Recommended Budget - Departments TBA

4. Adjournment