

**Remote Finance Committee
Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, April 29, 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. Public Hearing and Vote on FY26 Portland Public Schools Board Recommended Budget

At tonight's meeting, which follows two previous Joint/City School Finance Committee meetings on March 20th and March 27th where the FY26 School Budget was presented and

discussed, the Committee will hold a public hearing. The Committee will also discuss the budget and a vote on recommendation of the budget back to the full City Council is scheduled. The Portland Board of Public Education Fiscal Year 2026 Budget is scheduled for a first read at the full City Council on May 5th with a second read and potential final action scheduled on May 19th. Public comment will be taken on both dates. The School Department budget materials are available at the PPS Finance website here: <https://www.portlandschools.org/departments/finance/fy-2026-budget>

3. Review of the FY26 City Manager's Recommended Budget

On Monday, April 14th the City Council referred the City Manager's Recommended Budget to the Finance Committee. On Tuesday, April 15th the Finance Committee began their detailed review. At tonight's meeting, several Department Heads will be in attendance to present their budgets in detail. Department budgets expected to be presented include: Permitting and Inspections, Parks, Recreation and Facilities, Housing and Economic Development, and Planning and Urban Development (subject to change). This is a discussion item only – no action will be taken at the current meeting.

4. Review of Future Meeting Dates

- a. Thursday, May 1st - 5:00PM (City Manager's Recommended Budget Review and scheduled Public Hearing and Vote on FY26 City Manager's Recommended Budget - Departments tentatively scheduled include Public Works, Sewer/Stormwater, Police, Health and Human Services)
- b. HOLD - Thursday, May 8 - 5:00PM (City Manager's Recommended Budget Review and scheduled Public Hearing and Vote on FY26 City Manager's Recommended Budget - Portland Downtown, Portland Public Library, other Departments TBD)
- c. HOLD - Thursday, May 15 - 5:00PM (City Manager's Recommended Budget Review and scheduled Public Hearing and Vote on FY26 City Manager's Recommended Budget - Responses to All Additional Q&A)

See <https://www.portlandmaine.gov/668/Finance-Committee> for updates on which Departments will be presenting on each night, as they are confirmed.

5. Adjournment