

City of Portland, Maine
Remote Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 29, 2025 5:00 PM, Remote via ZOOM

PUBLIC RECORD OF MEETING
Complete Public Record of Meeting can be found at the link below:
<http://www.portlandmaine.gov/129/Agendas-Minutes>

Attendees: Finance Committee Chair Fournier, Committee Members: Grant, Pelletier and Mayor Dion, City Councilors: Michniewicz, Sykes, School Board Member Opperman, City Staff, School Staff and members of the Public

5:02 PM - Meeting Called to Order / Introductions

5:05 PM - Public Hearing and Vote on FY26 Portland Public Schools Board Recommended Budget

At tonight's meeting, which followed 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 held a public hearing. The Committee discussed the budget and a vote to recommend the budget back to the full City Council took place. Vote results are below. 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>

Motion made by Grant, seconded by Pelletier (Passed 3-0) Vote Time 5:41 PM

5:41 PM - 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 were in attendance to present their budgets in detail. Department budgets presented included: Permitting and Inspections, Parks, Recreation and Facilities, and Planning and Urban Development. This was a discussion item only – no action was taken at the current meeting.

6:35 PM - 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. Thursday, May 8th - 5:00PM (City Manager's Recommended Budget Review and scheduled Public Hearing and Vote on FY26 City Manager's Recommended Budget - Portland Downtown, Parking, Portland Public Library, other Departments TBD)

c. 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.

6:38 PM - Adjournment

Motion made by Pelletier, seconded by Grant (Passed 3-0) Vote Time 6:38 PM