

**Remote Joint City/School Finance
Committee Meeting Agenda
Thursday, March 26, 2026
6:00 PM**



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

Remote via ZOOM

PUBLIC COMMENT INFORMATION

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1. Introductions

2. FY26 Municipal Budget Update

At the meeting the Committee will receive a brief presentation from the City Finance Director Brendan T. O'Connell on the status of the FY26 municipal budget. This is a discussion item only; no action is scheduled at the current meeting.

3. Presentation of FY27 Portland Public Schools Superintendent’s Budget (JOINT ITEM)

At the meeting the Joint City/School Finance Committee will hear a presentation from Portland Public Schools (PPS) Superintendent Ryan Scallon on the proposed 2026-2027 school year budget. Questions will be taken on the presentation and responses will either be provided at the current meeting or compiled for response at the Thursday, 4/2 Joint City/School Finance Committee meeting. This is a discussion item only; no action is scheduled at the current meeting.

4. Future Meeting Dates and Topics

1. Thursday, April 2, 2026 - Second Joint City/School Finance Committee Meeting
 - i. Follow up Q&A on FY27 Portland Public Schools Superintendent’s Recommended Budget
 - ii. Presentation from External Auditors - 6/30/25 Audit Results
 - iii. Preview of CIP Amendments scheduled to be taken up at 4/13/26 City Council meeting
2. Monday, April 13, 2026 - Presentation of City Manager’s Recommended Budget to City Council
3. Tuesday, April 14, 2026 - Finance Committee City Budget Review Begins
4. Thursday, April 16, 2026 - Finance Committee City Budget Review Continues
5. Tuesday, April 28, 2026 - Finance Committee City Budget Review Continues, Committee Vote to Recommend PPS Board Recommended Budget to Full Council
6. Thursday, April 30, 2026 - Finance Committee City Budget Review Continues, Committee Vote to Recommend City Budget to Full Council

5. Adjournment