

City of Portland, Maine
Remote Joint City/School Finance Committee Meeting Agenda
Thursday, March 25, 2021
5:00 PM, Remote Meeting via ZOOM

AGENDA

ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION

This meeting will take place remotely using Zoom. Virtual meetings are allowed using emergency legislation approved by LD 2167; 1 M.R.S. §403A, that authorizes cities and towns to conduct meetings online.

Allow your computer to install the free Zoom app to get the best meeting experience. If you are not able to attend live, a recording will be uploaded to portlandmaine.gov/livestream the next day.

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://zoom.us/j/96759078791?pwd=NHdLbzY3SHJCaHhTc0hWa2hWMURXZz09>

Passcode: 691655

Or iPhone one-tap :

US: +13126266799,,96759078791# or +16465588656,,96759078791#

Or Telephone:

Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):

US: +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 558 8656 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 669 900 9128 or +1 253 215 8782

Webinar ID: 967 5907 8791

International numbers available: <https://zoom.us/u/adN8Y8ut6c>

1. Introductions

2. JOINT ITEM - Presentation of the FY2022 Superintendent's Recommended School Budget and Joint Committee Discussion

At the meeting the Superintendent Xavier Botana and Portland Public Schools staff will make a presentation on the FY22 Superintendent's Recommended School Budget. Complete details of the proposed budget can be found in the attached presentation. The proposed budget would result in a 6.29% increase in the School portion of the tax levy and add \$185 to the tax bill of a homeowner with a home valued at \$250,000. After the presentation has concluded the Committee members will discuss and provide guidance to the Superintendent on the proposal. This is a discussion item only - no action is scheduled for the current meeting.

3. JOINT ITEM – Review of DRAFT FY22 Budget Calendar and Key Dates

Note – Finance Committee dates are PROPOSED only – at the 3/25 meeting dates will be confirmed, finalized and added to the City calendar.

- a. 4/5 – City Council Meeting – 5:00PM – Presentation of FY22 City Manager Recommended Municipal Budget & Referral to Finance Committee**
- b. 4/6 – Finance Committee Meeting – 5:00PM**
- c. 4/8 – Joint City/School Finance Committee Meeting – 5:00PM**
- d. 4/13 – Finance Committee Meeting – 5:00PM**
- e. 4/27 – Finance Committee Meeting – 5:00PM**
- f. 4/29 – Finance Committee Meeting – 5:00PM – PUBLIC HEARING**
- g. 5/3 – City Council Meeting – 5:00PM - Budget 1st Read**
- h. 5/10 – City Council Budget Workshop – 5:00PM**
- i. 5/17 – City Council Meeting – 5:00PM – Budget 2nd Read and Scheduled Vote – PUBLIC HEARING**

4. CITY ONLY ITEM – CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

After over a year of lobbying efforts by the City in coordination with Senator Susan Collins, Congresswoman Chellie Pingree, Senator Angus King, the National League of Cities and many others, the [American Rescue Plan Act of 2021](#) was passed in March 2021 with the inclusion of significant direct aid for municipalities. This inclusion was a direct result of information provided by the City and municipalities nationwide about the devastating revenue losses municipal budgets across the nation have experienced. At the meeting City staff will provide an overview of the lobbying effort which led to this legislation and update the Committee on known and still unknown details of the ARP. This is a discussion item only - no action is scheduled for the current meeting.

5. Adjournment