

**City of Portland Plan for  
*Portland Committee on Community-Engaged Policing (PCCEP)***

I. MISSION

To work with the Mayor/Police Commissioner, Portland Police Bureau, and Portland's diverse constituencies to solicit and exchange information between the community and Portland Police Bureau (PPB) to achieve the desired outcomes of equitable policing which exceeds constitutional requirements, and meaningful community engagement with and trust in PPB.

II. GOALS

PCCEP members will independently assess the Settlement Agreement using the tools outlined in this Plan. PCCEP will work to facilitate positive police/community relationships and promote public safety by assessing PPB's current community engagement processes, and developing recommendations and strategies for systems to increase public outreach and engagement with a broad cross-section of the community, to build confidence and improve outcomes. Additionally, PCCEP members will review and make recommendations on PPB policies touching the DOJ Settlement Agreement and/or key areas of concern, including constitutional policing, use of force, interactions with people experiencing mental illnesses, complaint investigations, and racial justice.

In order for PPB to effectively build trust with Portland's diverse communities, the communities' concerns must be heard and meaningful action by PPB must be taken. To facilitate this outcome, PCCEP members will also make recommendations in the key areas of concern for Portland's diverse communities based on the communities' articulated experiences and grievances.

PCCEP's mission and goals will guide the following:

1. Scope of work
2. Membership
3. City's responsibilities
4. Available tools and resources
5. Members' responsibilities

## 6. Deliverable products

### SCOPE OF WORK

PCCEP will engage with Portland's diverse communities in key areas of concern, including constitutional policing, use of force, interactions with people experiencing mental illnesses, complaint investigations, and racial justice. PCCEP will contribute to the development of the PPB Community Engagement Plan, as directed by the Settlement Agreement between the City of Portland and the United States.

Specifically, PCCEP will be authorized to:

- Develop recommendations for PPB systems to engage meaningfully, both short-term and long-term, Portland's diverse communities and improve community relations. Gather and synthesize information from Portland's diverse communities, and make recommendations based on that information in key areas of concern to communicate to the Mayor, PPB, the Office of Equity and Human Rights, the DOJ, and the public at large.
- Review and make recommendations on PPB directives touching the DOJ Settlement Agreement and/or key areas of concern. Provide information to the community on these directives, and solicit feedback and recommendations from the community to share with the PPB.
- With the Mayor's written approval, and after consultation with the other City Commissioners, PCCEP is authorized to identify for off-schedule review directives not related to the DOJ Settlement Agreement or key areas of concern.<sup>1</sup> PCCEP must provide a written explanation for the request, which will be considered by the Mayor and City Commissioners.
- Provide information to and solicit feedback from Portland's diverse communities through focused and targeted round tables and town halls, to be held at least quarterly and be open to the public. PPB presence is required at quarterly town halls.

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<sup>1</sup> PPB directives are generally scheduled for Bureau review every two years. The City recognizes that the community has an interest in a number of directives, and particularly those that are relevant to current events (e.g., Directive 635.10, Crowd Management, with respect to demonstrations; Directive 810.10, Arrest of Foreign Nationals with respect to Portland's status as a Sanctuary City). This authority is intended to allow PCCEP to be responsive to community concerns when there is a compelling interest to review and revise a Bureau practice.

- Continue to collaborate with the City on surveys regarding Portland residents' experiences with and perception of PPB's community outreach and accountability efforts. PCCEP will consider survey results in developing recommended strategies.
- Provide ongoing feedback to PPB regarding community engagement initiatives already in progress and those added/needed in the future.
- During the effective period of the Settlement Agreement, appear before the Court at the annual status conference to describe to the Court its assessment of the City's progress toward achieving the goals of the Settlement Agreement.

### III. MEMBERSHIP and REPORTING

PCCEP will be comprised of a diverse group of between nine and eleven mayoral-appointed volunteers, who are committed to improving systems-based police/community relationships and ensuring and exceeding constitutional policing standards. The PCCEP will report directly to the Mayor (Police Commissioner) and consult, separately and at least quarterly with the Director of the Office of Equity and Human Rights.

### IV. SELECTION

The Mayor, in consultation with the other Council offices, shall work with the community selection panel described below to develop selection criteria and public outreach strategies for the PCCEP selection process. This process may begin before the Fairness Hearing and approval of the revised Settlement Agreement by the Court. Following the development of the selection criteria, a written, downloadable application will be posted and available on the City's website. Posted alongside the application will be the deadline for submission, selection criteria, selection process and a description of PCCEP member responsibilities. The City will engage the community in a variety of ways to communicate the application and selection process, criteria and timelines. Extra effort will be made to invite people who have experienced mental illnesses to apply.

The selection process will adhere to the following framework: (1) Application submission; (2) Initial screening of applicants by mayoral staff and a representative from any Council office who wishes to participate; (3) Review and further screening by panel consisting of five diverse community members (each chosen by the Mayor and other Commissioners); (4) Candidate interviews with Mayor after soliciting feedback about final candidates from each Council office; (5) Mayoral appointment and (6) Council confirmation.

The Mayor will consider the selection criteria and views of the community in appointing volunteers. City employees may not be appointed to sit on the PCCEP.

#### V. TERM

Volunteers will serve two year maximum terms. There will be no term limits. During the first year of PCCEP's life, volunteers will be appointed on a staggered basis where the majority of the board will serve two-year terms, and the remainder will serve one-year terms. Applicants will be able to indicate on their application form whether they wish to serve one or two-year terms. Any volunteers who serve one-year terms will have the option of re-applying for the opportunity to serve a full term.

#### VI. REMOVAL

The Mayor, after consultation with the Council, the PCCEP Program Manager and PCCEP chair (absent a conflict of interest) will have sole discretion to determine when PCCEP members are no longer fit to serve on the committee due to misconduct. If a member is removed or resigns, the selection process identified above will be used to recruit, appoint and confirm the new member.

#### VII. CITY'S RESPONSIBILITIES<sup>2</sup>

To establish the PCCEP and facilitate its work, the City will seek the services of an organizational development consultant to structure board orientation for PCCEP

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<sup>2</sup> With the amendments to Section IX of the Settlement Agreement and the development of the PCCEP, the City understands there is concern about the role of the Portland community in monitoring the Settlement Agreement, and updating the wider community on the status of terms of the Settlement

members. This orientation shall include training on the *United States v. City of Portland* Settlement Agreement. Specifically, as part of this training, the Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform (AMAC) and mental health advocates will be invited to provide information on the history of the Settlement Agreement. After PCCEP's board orientation, the City shall continue to provide resources for member training as needed so that members continue to fulfill their obligations.

The City shall make appropriate information available regarding PPB's current community engagement initiatives, directives, and directive review and implementation process.

The PPB, in particular, and in accordance with its directive review schedule, shall meet with PCCEP during a universal review period to brief members on directives related to the DOJ Settlement Agreement and/or key areas of concern, provide information as needed/requested, and solicit PCCEP member feedback. The PPB shall make the adjustments necessary to its current directive review system in order to integrate PCCEP into the PPB's work.

The City shall provide thorough and timely responses to PCCEP recommendations and requests for information, and shall endeavor to do so within 60 days.

The City shall provide staffing for the PCCEP including a program manager and administrative support. The City will also provide staff support and funding for community organizing/outreach.

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Agreement. The City will provide updates to the community on the status of the City's compliance with its obligations under the Settlement Agreement in the following ways: 1) at the annual status conference before the federal district court; 2) through quarterly community meetings with the COCL either separate from or jointly with the PCCEP, and staffed by the City; 3) through reports on the COCL website; and 4) through other means as appropriate. The United States Department of Justice and the COCL will continue to have responsibility for monitoring the City's compliance with its obligations under the Settlement Agreement during the effective period of the Agreement. After the City is found to be in compliance with the Settlement Agreement and the Court, DOJ and COCL are no longer involved, PCCEP will provide recommendations to the Mayor/Police Commissioner regarding continued assessments of the City's progress, generally, and community engagement.

The City shall provide meeting locations, and work with PCCEP to identify neutral locations that are accessible to and appropriate for the community for public meetings.

To ensure constitutional policing, to closely interact with the community to resolve neighborhood problems, and to increase community confidence, PPB shall work with City resources knowledgeable about public outreach processes, the PCCEP and the PPB's Equity & Diversity Manager to develop a Community Engagement Plan, which shall be adopted by Council following a public hearing.

The Mayor's Office shall publish on the City website an annual report, commencing from the date PCCEP begins meeting through the duration of its existence, that will include updates on progress made by the City in key areas of concern and community engagement recommendations.

The Mayor or the Mayor's delegate, and the PPB Chief or the Chief's delegate, shall endeavor to attend all public meetings of PCCEP, unless PCCEP requests otherwise. Other Commissioners or their delegates are encouraged to attend, unless PCCEP requests otherwise. The purpose of such attendance is to listen to understand, provide information either at the meeting or as follow-up, and learn from PCCEP members and public testimony.

#### VIII. MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

PCCEP members must engage all participants in a respectful and collegial manner, and be responsible for the following:

- Prior to members' first PCCEP meeting:
  - Learn about the history of the *United States v. City of Portland* Settlement Agreement.
  - Attend PPB community academy.
  - Participate in a ride-along with PPB (1 per PCCEP member).
  - Review lessons learned from the COAB.
  - Participate in subject matter and board trainings.
  - Learn about:
    - ✦ PPB organizational structure;

- ✦ Policy development and implementation process;
  - ✦ PPB Racial Equity Plan;
  - ✦ PPB Training Division Plan;
  - ✦ PPB's Office of Community Engagement and current community engagement initiatives, generally; and
  - ✦ PPB advisory bodies.
- Gather input from Portlanders regarding experiences with and perceptions of PPB's community outreach. Such input will be solicited through:
  - Round tables
  - Quarterly town halls
  - General consultation with Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) and/or District Coalitions, Coalition of Communities of Color, and ONI's Diverse Civic Leadership partners
  - AMAC, The Portland Commission on Disabilities, the Human Rights Commission, and the New Portlander Policy Commission
- Evaluate national best practices regarding police and community engagement leading to bias-free policing and community trust.
- Analyze prior community surveys and consult with the City to conduct additional community surveys.
- Receive public comment from Portlanders at large.
- Review PPB directives and make recommendations to PPB based on public feedback in key areas of concern.
- Provide ongoing feedback to PPB's Office of Community Engagement on its community engagement practices and initiatives, and provide feedback on PPB's Community Engagement Plan.
- Hold twice monthly meetings. PCCEP meetings may be open to the public, with advance notice, if and when PCCEP determines a public meeting will further its mission. At least one of the monthly meetings must be open to the public, with public comment to PCCEP members permitted.
- PCCEP shall coordinate with the COCL to host open town hall meetings (which may coincide with PCCEP's quarterly town hall meetings) at which the COCL

provides quarterly reports and the COCL and PCCEP receives public comment on compliance assessments and recommendations to facilitate Portlanders' ability to review compliance and make recommendations.<sup>3</sup>

- Agendas and minutes from all PCCEP meetings will be published on the City website within 30 days after the meeting date.

#### IX. DELIVERABLE PRODUCT

PCCEP shall be responsible for producing the following:

- Summary reports issued (to the Mayor, PPB, DOJ, and the public at large) contemporaneously with quarterly town halls, providing an overview of community concerns around and any recommendations regarding use of force, interactions with people experiencing mental illness, complaint investigations, and racial justice. Strategies and recommendations developed to ensure greater public outreach and engagement, including opportunities for outreach to a broad cross-section of community members, to inform PPB's Community Engagement Plan, utilizing the following procedure:
  1. *PCCEP shall consult with community members and hold at least two (2) public hearings, to be completed within 180 days of PCCEP members being seated (PCCEP's town halls may be utilized for this purpose). To gather public input on PPB's outreach efforts and progress towards eliminating unconstitutional disparate treatment, the hearings shall be held in locations to ensure that PPB receives input from all parts of the Portland community. PCCEP shall review PPB's prior community outreach efforts to contribute strategies to the development of a new Community Engagement Plan.*

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<sup>3</sup> Should COCL decline to combine its quarterly town halls with PCCEP's town halls, the COCL may hold separate town halls for community feedback, with staff support from the City.



2. *PCCEP shall meet at least quarterly with the Director of the City's Office of Equity and Human Rights and PPB's Manager of Equity & Diversity, including a review of PPB's current Racial Equity Plan, and evaluate PPB's ongoing efforts to implement that plan.*
3. *PCCEP shall suggest for inclusion in the Community Engagement Plan strategies to ensure greater public outreach and engagement, including opportunities for outreach to a broad cross-section of community members. The parties recognize that meaningful public engagement involves the ability of community members to affect policies, practices, and PPB culture, thereby improving outcomes and eliminating unconstitutional actions.*
4. *PCCEP may also provide information to the PPB on other areas related to meaningful community engagement and outreach to contribute to the development of the Community Engagement Plan. The Plan will specify how to integrate community values and problem-oriented policing principles into PPB's management, policies and procedures.*
5. *PCCEP will spend the first year gathering information from the public and compiling recommendations for PPB's Community Engagement Plan. Recommendations shall be submitted to PPB within one year of PCCEP members being seated.*
6. *The Chief's Office shall consult with the PCCEP and shall consider and utilize to the extent practicable PCCEP's recommendations in developing and implementing the Community Engagement Plan. The Chief's Office shall present the final proposed Community Engagement Plan (with implementation timeline) to the PCCEP for its final review and comment within 45 days of receiving PCCEP's recommendations.. The recommended Community Engagement Plan shall be considered by the City Council in a public hearing, leading to*

*the Council's adoption of the Plan after review and amendments if indicated.*

- 7. The PCCEP shall meet at least twice per year with the Chief, the Police Commissioner, PPB Precinct Commanders, PPB Neighborhood Response Teams, and a representative of the Office of Neighborhood Involvement Crime Prevention to assess and solicit comment on PPB's activities in regards to community outreach, engagement, and problem-solving policing. The PCCEP shall also provide the opportunity for public comment at each of its town hall and roundtable meetings to keep open lines of communication with the public at-large. The PCCEP may also invite testimony from other City bodies, including but not limited to PCoD, BHUAC, TAC, HRC, CRC and the citizen members of the PRB.*