

PORTLAND CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUND (PCEF) COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

June 3, 2024 • 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Zoom Conference Call

Committee Members	Position	Affiliation	Present
Dr. Megan Horst	Co-Chair	Associate Professor, School of Urban Studies & Planning at Portland State University	Yes
Ranfis Giannettino Villatoro	Co-Chair	Oregon State Policy Manager, BlueGreen Alliance	Yes
Alicia Chapman	Member-at-Large	Willamette Technical Fabricators	Yes
DeAngelo Moaning	Member-at-Large	Raimore Construction	Yes
Faith Graham	Member-at-Large	Elevate Energy	Yes
Maria Gabrielle Sipin	Member-at-Large	Community Member	Yes
Paul Lumley	Member-at-Large	Cascade AIDS Project	Yes
Robin Wang	Member-at-Large	Vibrant Future LLC	Yes
Michael Edden Hill	Member-at-Large	Community Member	Yes
Sam Baraso	Program Manager	PCEF	Yes
Jaimes Valdez	Org. Development & Policy Manager	PCEF	Yes
Kris Grube	Project Manager	PCEF	No
Wendy Koelfgen	Project Manager	PCEF	No
Rachel Gilmore	Administrative Specialist	PCEF	Yes
Elizabeth Stover	Senior Communications Strategist	PCEF	Yes
Tracy M. Smith	Facilitator	Inhance LLC	Yes
Camerina Galván	Notetaker	Galvan Consulting LLC	Yes
Ciara Pressler	Consultant	Pregame	Yes

Others: Lenny Dee; Marc Hewitt; Darlene Chirman, 350PDX Policy Team; Kenny Asher; Aisaya Corbray; Xand Griffin; Babs; Hannah Cruz; Gayle Palmer, Thrive East PDX.; Eric Engstrom, Interim-Director, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability.

AGENDA OVERVIEW AND INTRODUCTIONS: TRACY M. SMITH, FACILITATOR

- The meeting was called to order at 12:04 PM.

- The quorum was met.
- Committee members and staff introduced themselves.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: TRACY M. SMITH, FACILITATOR

- No public comment.

UPDATE: PROPOSED CHANGES TO PCEF CODE TO ALLOW USE OF PCEF INTEREST ON A ONE-TIME BASIS: SAM BARASO, PCEF

- Sam Baraso shared the proposed changes to the code amendment.
- A committee member clarified that when the proposed change says “notwithstanding the purpose” in Subsection 7.07.020.A” it allows the city council to use the PCEF interest accrued in the fiscal year 2022-2023 for *any* purpose.
 - Sam Baraso corroborated the interpretation.
- A committee member asked Sam Baraso to explain the difference between the revenue and the interest earned and why they have separate statuses.
 - Response: The fund has two revenue lines: an incoming clean energy surcharge and interest accrued on the fund. Both are income. The amendment allows the use of the interest differently, which is allowed but needs to be clarified.
- A committee member shared that the committee didn’t have power over the interest before. She feels good about the limitations that it is only a one-time use of the interest and ensuring the committee is involved in code changes in the future. She notes the committee and city finds itself in a precarious situation.
- Sam Baraso reminded the committee that it can propose code changes to ensure the fund works effectively.
- A committee member asserted he opposes using funds that are not aligned with the fund's original intent. He would feel better if there were a way to protect the fund in the future.
- The committee will not take action on the PCEF interest code change. The mayor will motion to approve the code change at a city council meeting on June 12, 2024.

ACTION ITEM: PROPOSED PCEF CODE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PCEF COMMITTEE REVIEW OF FUTURE CODE AMENDMENTS: SAM BARASO, PCEF

- Sam Baraso shared the proposed code amendment language, which the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability staff, the PCEF co-chairs, and the city attorney developed.
- The committee deliberated the intent of the language and best practices for the city council's engagement with the PCEF committee for code changes.
- The temperature check revealed that all committee members support the proposed code recommendation.
- Megan Horst made a motion to approve the PCEF Committee recommendation that the city council amend the PCEF code, Chapter 7.07, to include the following language under PCC 7.07.050:

G. If amendments to this Chapter are initiated by the City Council, the proposed amendments will not be placed on the Council agenda until the Committee has reviewed the proposed amendments at a regular or special meeting.

- Paul Lumley seconded it.
- Approved: The Committee unanimously approved the motion.
- **Action item:** PCEF staff will share the language with the City Council.

ACTION ITEM: TRACY SCOTT NOMINATION: SAM BARASO, PCEF

- Sam Baraso and Maria Sipin recapped the Recruitment Subcommittee’s process for filling Michael Edden Hill’s seat. The recruitment subcommittee shared their reflections.
- The Recruitment Subcommittee nominates Tracy Scott to the Committee.
- Sam Baraso thanked Micheal Edden Hill for his service.
- Michael Edden Hill motioned to appoint Tracy Scott to the PCEF Committee. DeAngelo Moaning seconded it.
 - Approved: The committee unanimously approved Tracy Scott’s appointment to the PCEF Committee.

NEXT STEPS:

- The timeline for the Collaborating for Climate Action funding opportunity will be adjusted, given the volume of applications received.
- The next public committee meeting, originally scheduled for Thursday, July 18, 2024, 6:00 PM—8:00 PM, will be rescheduled.
- A virtual and in-person appreciation will be held to acknowledge Michel Edden Hill.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:50 PM

NEXT MEETING: The next public committee meeting will be on July 25, 2025, 6:00P M—8:00 PM.

Submitted by Camerina Galván, Notetaker, Galvan Consulting LLC.