

# DRAFT Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund (PCEF) Committee

January 16, 2025 | 6:00 PM – 7:51 PM | Zoom Conference Call

Committee	Position	Affiliation	Present
Dr. Meg Horst	Co-Chair	Cascadia Consulting Group; Portland State University	Yes
Ranfis Giannettino Villatoro	Co-Chair	Oregon State Policy Manager, BlueGreen Alliance	Yes
Alicia Chapman	Member	Willamette Technical Fabricators	Yes
DeAngelo Moaning	Member	Espousal Strategies	Yes
Faith Graham	Member	Elevate Energy	Yes
Tracy Scott	Member	Energy Trust of Oregon	Yes
Robin Wang	Member	Vibrant Future LLC	Yes

Attending PCEF Staff	Presenters
Sam Baraso, Program Manager	Mike Jordan, City Administrator
Jaimes Valdez, Org. Development & Policy Manager	Jonas Biery, Deputy City Administrator
Rachel Gilmore, Admin. Specialist	Donnie Oliveira, Deputy City Administrator
Kenny Asher, Deputy Program Manager	Eric Engstrom, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability Director

## Committee Support

Dr. Christine Moses, Facilitator; Jamie, Captioner; Cayla McGrail, Note taker

## Introductions

Dr. Christine Moses called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm, with committee members and PCEF staff introducing themselves.

## Public Comments

A member of the public applauded the accomplishments of the committee over multiple years while noting cautious optimism moving forward.

## Approval of Meeting Minutes

Meetings minutes from November 21<sup>st</sup>, December 10, and December 11 approved with Committee Member Moaning requesting edits to reflect his affiliated organization.

## Proposed Code Amendment: Allow use of PCEF Interest for FY 25 – 26 Budget

City Administrator Michael Jordan, DCAs Jonas Biery and Donnie Oliveria, and BPS Interim Director Eric Engstrom introduced and discussed the City’s budget forecast, explaining that the general fund is

among the most challenged for fiscal year as City revenue streams are barely growing more than 1% while inflation has increased at a higher rate than historic numbers. Revenues impacted include Bureau of Transportation, Portland Permitting and Development, and Parks expiring operating levy.

- December 2024 calculated a 27 million gap + 40 million one-time funding functions that need to be ongoing = 60 – 70 million gap
- Larger gap anticipated in spring considering new City leadership priorities = totals 100 million dollar gap

Proposed code would be same code language as last year with updates to the fiscal year and interest year. DCA Oliveira emphasized this is a one-time contribution and there is no intention to continue to rely on PCEF interest to subsidize City budget. The anticipated timeline is to present to Council in the spring, then have a budget process for approval and allocation.

Committee members agreed on the importance to be good PCEF fund stewards, and that supporting City functions is a way to play important roles in addressing climate change and justice. This is also an opportunity for relationship building between PCEF Committee and new leadership where all parties can find solutions collaboratively. Committee members are interested in transparency of fund allocations, creating schedule for reviewing allocation of surplus funds, ample public notice, and ability to be strategic.

### **Action and Next Steps**

Co-Chair Meg will work with staff to draft language and share with committee members to deliberate in detail in February.

## **Annual Climate Investment Plan Update**

PCEF Program Manager Sam Baraso presented a draft plan to develop a process for annual updates to the Climate Investment Plan (CIP). This is the start of a conversation that will circle back between staff & committee members. An analogy was made between tuning up a vehicle, that PCEF will identify what is working and what potential tweaks could be made, PCEF Committee will help decide what to adjust to keep PCEF moving towards our climate goal, and there will be annual and 5-year reviews to answer if this “vehicle” is still the right “vehicle” to get us to our climate goals. Timeline includes 3 – 5 months of review and development, with completion by October to present at Council in December, which aligns with budget process.

### **Discussion, Q & A**

Committee interest in continued engagement with PCEF staff and the public, especially understanding how Portlanders have received benefits. Feedback would support furthering programs that center community needs in climate action. Committee members support developing a framework that has reliable schedule for a public comment period and requests from other bureaus. Emphasis was placed on making it manageable with selected focus as a strategic plan. Sam made note that each year will

look different, and flexibility is a priority in setting strategic plan reviews. Balance is needed between PCEF Staff, City Bureaus, and committee members proposing updates and changes.

**Guiding Questions from PCEF:**

1. How do we ensure process aligns with both short-term adaptability and long-term climate and equity goals?
2. How can we balance the need for meaningful community input while ensuring the process remains timely, efficient, and aligned with staff?
3. What specific roles do you want to play in the update process?
4. What elements do you want to see at full committee vs subcommittee?

**Action & Next Steps**

1. Continued discussion at February meeting.
2. PCEF staff will present again with new guiding questions to get further along in defining process and ground what a year one review process looks like
3. March meeting will agree on process for update

**Action Item: Propose a subcommittee for PCEF Committee Recruitment**

Committee needs to recommend two replacement members to Mayor. Review process and interviews will occur in February, Committee will recommend in March, and Mayor will appoint in April. DeAngelo and Faith expressed interest in serving on the recruitment subcommittee to review applications and recommend applicants to the full Committee. The Committee supports DeAngelo and Faith as subcommittee members.

**Action & Next Steps**

Staff will follow up with DeAngelo and Faith for scheduling review and interview.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.