



**TSCC Regular Business Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 6, 2023
12:03 p.m.**

Chair Harmony Quiroz, Commissioners, Ofsink, Norton, Donahue and Wubbold, were present, as were Executive Director Allegra Willhite and Budget Analyst Tunie Betschart, all via Zoom meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Quiroz called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

District Budgets to be considered

Executive Director Willhite said the commissioners were scheduled to consider the approved budget reviews and questions for the hearings for the City of Portland and the Portland Public Schools.

City of Portland review and hearing questions

Executive Director gave a high-level overview of the City of Portland's budget, sharing the significant themes. The city is experiencing a loss of federal funding with declining pandemic relief dollars. The city is undergoing a considerable transformation with the change in the charter. This budget identified where the city wants to focus its support and continue programs funded with one-time dollars. Foci in this year's budget include public safety, charter change decisions, economic recovery, and livability in the city.

Following the introduction, the commissioners discussed the questions to be asked at the hearing. There had been some suggested revisions to draft questions before the hearing via Google Docs. They reviewed the suggestions, incorporating some, discarding others, and revising portions. They changed the wording for some questions, paired one with another, and changed the focus of a couple to draw out a different area of interest. The commissioners also changed one follow-up question to become a part of a stand-alone question. They deleted a couple of questions and deleted portions of others. When the discussion on the city's budget ended, they settled on eight questions to ask, with several follow-up questions. The hearing will be a 90-minute in-person hearing on Wednesday, June 13, held in the City of Portland Council Chambers.

Portland Public Schools review and hearing questions

Executive Director Willhite gave an overview of the Portland Public Schools Approved budget. She said the district is anticipating fewer students in the upcoming year. Some programs funded by federal dollars will go away in FY 24.

Following the introductory statements, the commissioners worked on the questions for the



hearing. Before the meeting, commissioners suggested revisions to draft questions using Google Docs. The questions and proposed revisions were discussed. The exchange of ideas resulted in adding follow-up questions, rewording some questions, and adding more specific language. The result was the development of eight questions.

Executive Director Willhite will send the questions to the districts so they can prepare for the upcoming hearings.

There being no other business, Chair Quiroz adjourned the meeting at 2:03.