



D1EC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Date: April 1, 2026 | 6:30–8:30 PM

Location: Portland Fire Bureau Training Station (4800 NE 122nd Ave) | Zoom

1. Call to Order & Introductions

- **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Lin Felton at 6:30 PM.
- **In-Person Attendance:** Alison Stoll (D1EC), Ronda Johnson (D1EC), Elizabeth Linder (Woodland Park), Jennifer Martin (Woodland Park), Lin Felton (Argay), Denell Graham (Sumner), Nic Luland (Sumner), Dylan Evanston (Sumner), Virginia Petersen (Sumner), Bob Ernest (Hazelwood), Mary Jaron Kelly (Civic Life), Annette Stanhope (Historic Parkrose), Emma Jenson (Dunphy Staffer), Tom Sollitt (Kerns), Paul Leisner (Mt Tabor), Michael Roberts (PPB), Nick Newby (PPB), Jesse Dictor (PGNA), Emily Hutsell (Mill Park), John Holley (Mill Park), Yvonne Rice (Sumner), Hector Marquez (Historic Parkrose), Zyong Shin (Apano), Klint Finley (Parkrose Heights), Ann McMullen (Hazelwood), Sabina Urdes (Lents), Emma Jenson (Dunphy Staffer), Jasmine Stoner (Mill Park), Abdi Somon, Trevor Hopper (Mill Park), Malynda Valentine (Smith Staffer), Olerya Baykal, Caleb Coder (Cultivate/Hazelwood), Nathan Zilka (Centennial), Akhila Nekkanti (Parkrose), Agazi Negatti (EECRC), Sonya Damtew (Parkrose), Tim R. (Wilkes), Rose Vakkai (Gateway), MJ Fairage (Lents), Lacey Sutton (Mill Park), Shamekia Davis (USFirst Oregon), Glen Hamburg (Lents), Shavantee Scott (Hazelwood), Harold Metzger (Hazelwood), Tim RTT.
- **Zoom Attendance:** Shana Kowalska (Wilkes), Felice Mueller, Melanie Moon (Pleasant Valley), Deanna Cintas (Lents), Grant Westrum (Sumner), and Kristopher.

2. Consent Agenda

- **Approval of April 2026 Agenda:** A motion was made by Virginia Petersen and seconded by Elizabeth Linder to approve the agenda; the motion passed.
- **Approval of March 2026 Board Minutes:** The approval of the minutes was tabled until the next meeting.
- **Approval of March 2026 Treasurer Reports:** For the month of March, D1EC was under budget by \$750.71. For the fiscal year to date, D1EC is under budget by \$2,322.41. A motion was made by Elizabeth Linder and seconded by Virginia Petersen to approve the reports; the motion passed.

3. Portland Police Bureau – East Precinct Update

- **Crime & Staffing:** Lieutenant Roberts presented the update, noting the bureau is dealing with higher crime while experiencing a lower number of officers, with below 800 currently on the force.

- **Recent Operations:** An interagency mission successfully addressed a large-scale copper theft ring, leading to an arrest and ongoing connections to other cases. A street racer mission is scheduled for April 2nd.
- **BottleDrop Target Area:** Police have been specifically targeting the BottleDrop area for five months due to fentanyl dealers and livability issues, taking a collaborative approach with owners and community members.
- **Community Engagement:** East Precinct holds open office hours every Tuesday from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM for community concerns.

4. Elect Board Secretary

- The election of a board secretary was tabled until the next meeting.

5. Report and Vote on D1EC Small Grants

- **Grants Awarded:** Jesse Dicter reported that the Small Grants Committee awarded 9 grants totaling \$36,000 out of the \$41,799 received.
- **Remaining Funds:** The remaining \$5,799 will be held to support neighborhood needs directly on a first-come, first-served basis for smaller projects.
- **Vote:** A motion to approve the grants and hold the remaining funds passed, with Ann M motioning and Elizabeth Linder seconding.

6. Land Use and Transportation Committee Update

- **Committee Update:** Mary Jaron Kelly shared that the last committee meeting featured Marissa Richardson from Urban Forestry and Hector Rodriguez Ruiz from the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability.
- **Discussion Topics:** The committee discussed the East Portland Plaza, affordable housing, grocery store shortages, and environmental interests.
- **Meeting Schedule:** Committee meetings are held online on the fourth Monday of the month.

77. Council President Jamie Dunphy (City Budget Discussion)

- **Budget Deficit & Audits:** Council President Dunphy explained the City faces a \$169 million shortfall in the General Fund, which specifically covers Parks, Police, Fire, and homeless services. Of the city's \$8 billion budget, Council only controls about \$1 billion. He noted the city is currently conducting cross-bureau audits to locate unspent or mismanaged "slush" funds to help fill this gap.
- **Timeline & Community Input:** The Mayor's proposed budget will be released on April 20th. Council will vote on amendments in the second week of May. Dunphy asked the board to provide their "red lines" (hills to die on) and trade-offs, specifically noting his own priority to protect funding for the Neighborhood Prosperity Networks. He is also launching a new website to transparently track budget amendments.

- **City vs. County on Homelessness:** The City formally canceled its agreement to send \$31 million to Multnomah County's Joint Office of Homeless Services due to a lack of reciprocal partnership. The Mayor is now directly asking Metro, Clackamas County, and Washington County to contribute funds, as data shows up to 50% of Portland shelter users originate from those surrounding counties.
- **Moda Center Upgrades:** The impending \$4 billion sale of the Trail Blazers is expected to generate ~\$50 million in taxes for the City, which will be reinvested directly into the Moda Center. Additionally, parking revenues and ticket fees will fund ongoing maintenance over the next 20 years (totaling ~\$350 million). Pending Portland Clean Energy Fund (PCEF) board approval, PCEF dollars may be used to upgrade the venue's HVAC and climate control systems.
- **Economic Development & Arts Tax:** To stimulate job growth in East Portland, the Council is working to double the business license tax exemption for small businesses from \$50,000 to \$100,000 over two years. Dunphy also proposed refocusing the Arts Tax to prioritize public space activation and economic drivers, referencing a previous \$300,000 allocation to place temporary artists into vacant commercial storefronts.
- **Social Housing & Accountability:** Acknowledging the city's historical failure to track outcomes or hold developers accountable after issuing affordable housing funds, Dunphy advocated for an American version of "Social Housing". Inspired by Vienna's model, this would feature cost-based rent (rent tied to building operations, avoiding income-cap evictions), mixed-income tenants, and intentionally integrated community plazas and child-care spaces.
- **Parks Maintenance:** Validating community concerns that East Portland parks are frequently targeted for cuts, Dunphy agreed that maintenance and park rangers are vital public safety tools. He suggested that to maintain existing parks, the city might need to delay opening expensive new facilities, such as the \$100 million North Portland Aquatic Center.
- **Community Centers & Vacant Spaces:** Responding to community organizations operating without physical locations, Dunphy stated a desire to penalize property owners who intentionally leave commercial buildings empty. He proposed exploring low-interest revolving loans or incentives to facilitate short-term community activation in those vacant spaces.

8. Announcements

- **Community Budget Survey:** Emma Jenson discussed a new survey app to gather community feedback on budget priorities, with an initial cutoff for feedback to the Mayor's budget set for April 10th.
- **Budget Events:**
 - April 11: Budget Town Hall from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM with Councilors Smith and Pirtle-Guiney at the House of Healing.
 - April 13: Budget Open House from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Sacramento Elementary School with Mayor Wilson, City Administrator Lee, and D1 Councilors.
- **Grant Updates:** A new grant opportunity tab has been added to the D1EC website.

9. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned by Lin Felton.