

Portland Utility Board (PUB) Applicant Criteria

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The composition of the PUB will closely mirror the successful model used by the Utility Review Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC). In that case, we selected a cross-section of members who brought skills associated with the bureaus' mission. The Board will have nine permanent members.

- The Mayor and Council will strive to have a Board which reflects the diversity of the Portland community.
- Appointees will include a current employee in a represented bargaining unit with the Portland Water Bureau or the Bureau of Environmental Services.
- All members must reside in or work predominantly in the city of Portland and have an interest in water, sewer, stormwater, and watershed health issues, such as system development and maintenance, service delivery, service costs and impacts on low-income households, economic development, public health, conservation, green infrastructure or the environment.
- Preferred appointees should have a range of qualified professional and academic expertise, and community volunteer experience. Skills that will serve the new Board well include: technical knowledge of water, stormwater, and sewer utility operation and issues, accounting, civil engineering, conservation, environmental sciences, health sciences, public administration, urban planning, or utility economics, financial and capital improvement analysis, ecosystem science, environmental protection, political process, group process, and communications.
- Board members will be appointed to serve for a term of 3 years. The terms of each member shall run from the date of the City Council's confirmation of the member's appointment, or such other date as the Council may establish.
- The Board will meet at least once monthly for approximately 2 hours on a regular date established by the Board. Additional meetings may also be scheduled during annual budget and rate review periods as determined by the Board Chair.
- Board members should expect more than one meeting per month in the first few months of service in order to get training on bureau fundamentals and to create and review the new bylaws.
- Meetings will begin in the early Fall 2015.