

City of Pomona

505 S. Garey Ave
Pomona, CA 91766

Regular Meeting Minutes

CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE



Committee Chair Marcos Pineda
Vice Chair Francisco R. Sanchez
Committee Member Leticia Casillas Sanchez
Committee Member Gwendolyn Blume
Committee Member Ron Cobas
Committee Member VACANT

VISION STATEMENT

*Pomona will be recognized as a vibrant, safe, beautiful
community that is a fun and exciting destination and the home of
arts and artists, students and scholars, business and industry.*

Thursday, April 16, 2026

6:00 PM

Chuck Bader Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Committee Chair Marcos Pineda called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Chair Pineda led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present:

- Committee Chair Latrice Jones
- Committee Member Marcos Pineda
- Committee Member Leticia Casillas Sanchez
- Committee Member Francisco R. Sanchez
- Committee Member Gwendolyn Blume (Arrived 6:27 p.m.)
- Committee Member Ron Cobas

STAFF PRESENT

Andrew Mowbray, Finance Director
Shar Perez, Revenue Operations Manager
Brenda Karim, Senior Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

- 1) Resignation of Angelica Morales

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 2) Approval of the Meeting Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on February 19, 2026

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER COBAS, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER CASILLAS SANCHEZ, (COMMITTEE MEMBER BLUME ABSENT) CARRIED 5-0, to approve the February 19, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes.

There was no public comment on this item.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

- 3) FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26 Transaction and Use Tax (Measure PG) To Date

The Transaction and Use Tax to Date was presented by Revenue Manager, Shar Perez.

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER CASILLAS SANCHEZ, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES, (COMMITTEE MEMBER BLUME ABSENT) CARRIED 5-0, to Receive and File the FY 2021-22 TO FY 2025-26 Transaction and Use Tax (Measure PG) to Date.

There was no public comment on this item.

- 4) Sales Tax Update 4TH Quarter 2025 (October to December)

Revenue Manager Perez presented the Sales Tax Update.

There was no public comment on this item.

MOTION BY COMMITTEE MEMBER COBAS, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER JONES (COMMITTEE MEMBER BLUME ABSENT) CARRIED 5-0, to Receive and File the Sales Tax Update 4Q 2025 (October-December).

5) FY 2026-27 General Fund Budget Preview

Finance Director Mowbray presented the FY 2026-27 General Fund Budget Preview.

Committee Member Blume arrived at 6:27 p.m.

The Budget Study Session will be on May 11, 2026. On May 26, 2026, the Budget will go to council for adoption.

There was no public comment on this item.

MOTION BY VICE CHAIR SANCHEZ, SECOND BY COMMITTEE MEMBER COBAS, CARRIED 6-0, to Receive and File the FY 2026-27 General Fund Budget Preview.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATION

Committee Member Blume inquired if the afternoon Budget Study Session had more attendance than the evening Study Session. Last year the evening Study Session had more attendance than the afternoon, however, this year the afternoon session was larger. However, there was more participation among the individuals who attended.

Committee Members gave suggestions as to how to get more individuals to the Budget Study Sessions:

- Work with the School District to put it on their Calendar
- Community Relationships/Partnerships
- A booth at National Night Out
- A booth at the Easter Egg Hunt
- Have churches give information to their congregations in April

Several committee members stated that the budget may be intimidating. Committee Member Jones suggested that maybe there should be a video with a walk through of the Budget as it may be less intimidating to those who are not familiar with the Budget process.

Vice Chair Sanchez inquired whether the Committee would have to prepare anything to take to the Budget Study Sessions. Director Mowbray stated that this year the Committee is encouraged to speak individually, on your own behalf, at these meetings.

Committee Member Cobas asked if the increase in property taxes was linked to the new development in the City. Revenue Manager Perez stated it was due to the sale of single family homes and their increase in value.

Committee Member Cobas also inquired whether there are projections regarding development in the City? Revenue Manager Perez stated that some of the General Fund monies are based on development/new construction. These items will not be on the tax roll

until they are completed, however, we do receive money for permits through Building and Planning and can forecast for fees and taxes.

There was a question regarding why Ontario's budget is larger than Pomona's. Director Mowbray stated that they have more commercial businesses, the airport, various arenas, different sales taxes, and a transaction and use tax which all contribute to their budget.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Committee Chair Pineda at 6:55 p.m. The next Citizens Oversight Committee meeting will be held on August 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chuck Bader Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Brenda Karim
Senior Administrative Assistant

Marcos Pineda
Chair of the Citizens Oversight Committee