

**CITY OF PORTLAND
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
March 25, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

The March 25, 2019 Meeting was called to order by Chair Pious Ali at 8:06 a.m. in Room 209, Portland City Hall, Portland, Maine

A. Attendance/Introductions:

Councilor Pious Ali, Chair, Councilor Jill Duson, Mayor Ethan Strimling; Portland Board of Education Member Laurie Davis; Portland Board of Education Member Emily Figdor; Kate Knox, Bernstein Shur team(phone); Alysia Melnick,, Bernstein Shur team; Chris Feeney, Bernstein Shur team; Xavier Botana, Superintendent of PPS; City Clerk Katherine Jones; Mike Murray(Staff);

B. Approval of minutes:

March 18, 2019 minutes – Mayor Strimling made a motion to amend and approve the 2-25-2019 minutes; Councilor Duson second; minutes approved 3-0.

C. Review of non-funding education bills by Committee and Portland Board of Education and PPS Staff;

D. Review of legislative bills bills/bill tracker:

LD 1299 – Monitor
LD 1317 – Support; obtain staff talking points
LD 1318 – Support; ask for staff review
LD 1320 – Outcome
LD 1326 – Place with similar LDs for further review
LD 1333 – Place with similar LDs for further review
LD 1372 – Remove
LD 1383 – Remove

General Discussion about Local Option Sales Tax legislation/testimony; Committee Advises not to tax a position on amendments at this time; focus on moving concept of LOST forward before focusing on amendments;

Review of bill tracker and upcoming public hearings;

D. Next Meeting Date

April 1, 2019 @ 8:00 AM

E. Adjournment

Councilor Duson moved to adjourn; second by Councilor Ali; vote 2-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:37 AM.