

**Legislative/Nominating
Committee Minutes**
September 20, 2022



MEMBERS
Councilor April Fournier, Chair
Mayor Kate Snyder
Councilor Pious Ali

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I. Call to Order

Chair April Fournier called the meeting to order at 8:07 PM.

Councilor April Fournier (Chair), Mayor Kate Snyder, Danielle West (Interim City Manager), Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Ashley Rand (City Clerk), Sheba Brown (Executive Office Manager), Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur), Chris Feeney (Bernstein Shur) were present. Councilor Pious Ali was not present.

II. Approval of Meeting minutes

a. September 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

This item was taken out of order. Mayor Kate Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2022 meeting, seconded by Councilor April Fournier, vote (2-0)

III. Discussion: Legislative Priorities

a. Staff Priorities (City Staff)

Dena Libner discussed staff priorities for the upcoming legislative session with input from City Manager West. They specifically brought up ways in which the General Assistance program could be improved to better support both Portland and other municipalities supporting large populations in need, specifically calling out a need to increase State funding for General Assistance and creating a centralized policy for the program. There was also a discussion regarding funding to support dredging.

b. Committee Priorities

The Committee echoed the staff priorities, and highlighted an interest in pursuing improvements to General Assistance in coordination with the State Delegation.

IV. Adjournment

Mayor Kate Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor April Fournier, vote (2-0)