

**Legislative/Nominating
Committee Meeting (with
Portland Delegation) Minutes**
September 27, 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 8:05 AM.

Councilor April Fournier (Chair), Mayor Kate Snyder, Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Danielle West (Interim City Manager), Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur), Chris Feeney (Bernstein Shur), Representative Rachel Talbot Ross, Representative Ed Crockett, Representative Michael Brennan, Representative Barb Wood, Emily Figdor (Portland Public School Board Chair) were present. Councilor Pious Ali and Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur) joined the meeting at 8:10 AM. Sheba Brown (Executive Office Manager) joined the meeting at 8:15 AM.

II. Approval of meeting minutes

a. Minutes from the meeting of September 20, 2022

Mayor Kate Snyder made a motion to Approve the minutes of the September 20, 2022 minutes, seconded by Councilor April Fournier, vote (3-0).

III. Discussion: Legislative Priorities

a. Committee/Staff Priorities

Chair Fournier discussed the Committee and staff's priorities for the upcoming legislative session, highlighting General Assistance costs, housing for unhoused and asylum seeking populations, and dredging.

b. Portland Delegation Priorities

Representative Talbot Ross and the Portland Delegation discussed their priorities, highlighting the importance of making changes to General Assistance, supporting and funding low-income and affordable housing opportunities, and closing the funding gap for Portland's proposed harbor dredging project.

c. Other Business

IV. Meeting Schedule

Councilor Fournier announced that the next joint meeting with the Portland Delegation will take place in October.

V. Adjournment

Councilor Pious Ali made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor April Fournier, vote (3-0)