

**Legislative/Nominating
Committee Minutes**
November 29, 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 8:03 AM.

Councilor April Fournier (Chair), Councilor Pious Ali, Danielle West (Interim City Manager), Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Senator Ben Chipman, Senator-Elect Jill Duson, Representative Rachel Talbot Ross, Representative Michael Brennan, Representative Sam Zager, Representative Ed Crockett, Representative Ben Collings, Representative-Elect Matt Moonen, Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), and Chris Feeney (Bernstein Shur) were present. Mayor Kate Snyder was not present.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. Minutes from the November 1, 2022 Meeting

Councilor Pious Ali made a motion to Approve the minutes of the November 1, 2022 meeting, seconded by Councilor April Fournier, vote (2-0)

III. Delegation / Committee Topics of Discussion

a. Update on status of challenges related to asylee access to shelter/health services (City staff)

The Committee and Delegation discussed ongoing efforts to locate funding and resources from Federal and State sources to assist individuals needing assistance.

b. Review of proposed amendment to GA statute

Dena Libner provided an overview of this proposed amendment, which staff have reviewed and are generally supportive of. It is also being reviewed by the Maine Municipal Association's Legislative Policy Committee.

The Committee discussed the proposed amendment with input from Danielle West and the Portland Delegation.

IV. Other Business

The Committee and Delegation also discussed meeting prior to cloture to discuss any legislation that is important to the City.

a. HR 6707, H.R.6707 - Advancing Equality for Wabanaki Nations Act (Councilor April Fournier, Chair)

Councilor April Fournier expressed an interest in asking the full Council to support this legislation. Chair Fournier also asked the Delegation if they would be interested in supporting this legislation.

The Committee agreed to propose sending a resolution to the full council. The Delegation will discuss this further as well.

V. Adjournment

Councilor Pious Ali made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor April Fournier, vote (2-0)