

**Legislative/Nominating
Committee Meeting 1.31.23
Minutes
January 31, 2023**



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

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Meeting minutes

Chair Kate Snyder called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM.

Mayor Kate Snyder (Chair), Councilor April Fournier, Councilor Regina Phillips, Councilor Pious Ali, Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Danielle West (Interim City Manager), Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), Chris Feeney (Bernstein Shur), and Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur) were present.

- a. Minutes from the meeting of January 24, 2023

Councilor Fournier made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of January 24, 2023, seconded by Councilor Phillips, vote (4-0).

III. Legislative Update

- a. Review of new LDs (Bernstein Shur)

The Committee reviewed new LDs provided by Bernstein Shur and received staff feedback. Councilor Fournier recommended that testimony in opposition to LDs 268, 182, and 183 be prepared for submission when the bills are scheduled for public hearings.

- b. Discussion: Section C-4, Part R of LD 206 (reallocation of dredge project funding)

IV. Other Business

- a. Review: Committee Work Plan (Chair Snyder)

Committee members discussed their interest in increasing the number of applications they receive for seats on boards and commissions, particularly from diverse candidates.

- b. Review: Delegation/Committee Meeting Schedule (Chair Snyder)

The Committee confirmed that the fourth meeting of each month would be held on Friday at 8:00 AM, instead of Tuesday. Dena Libner recommended that staff solicit feedback on new LDs from individual Committee members by email, in preparation of that meeting.

- c. FYI: "Commentary: Maine's housing crisis requires urgent action, and we're ready to get to work" (Portland Press Herald, January 28, 2023)

V. Adjournment

Councilor Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Fournier, vote (4-0) at 8:53 AM.