

**Legislative/Nominating
Committee Minutes**
February 28, 2023



MEMBERS

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

I. Call to Order

Mayor Snyder, Chair called the meeting to order at 8:02am. In attendance were Councilor Pious Ali, Councilor Regina Phillips, Councilor Fournier, Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Danielle West (Interim City Manager), Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur) and Chris Feeney (Bernstein Shur).

II. Approval of Meeting minutes

- a. Draft Minutes from the Meeting of February 14, 2023

Councilor Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of February 14, 2023, seconded by Councilor Ali, vote (4-0).

III. Legislative Update

- a. For Review: New LDs

The Committee discussed the following bills:

LD 812: Committee members expressed concern with the costs associated with the implementation of this bill, estimated by staff to be up to \$3,000 per day. Committee members asked staff to get additional feedback from the City Clerk on the bill's extension on the processing of absentee ballots from seven to 14 days. The Committee asked that testimony be prepared for a public hearing, and that it express the Committee's concerns regarding cost and, if the City Clerk expressed support for the processing extension, support for that component of the bill.

LD 599: Staff clarified that this bill would not require services or housing to be offered by the City. The Committee expressed interest in learning whether the bill sponsor, Rep. Brennan, had considered expanding the geographic limitations of the bill to beyond Portland. Alysia Melnick confirmed that Bernstein Shur would provide information related to that component of the bill.

LD 748: The Committee requested that this bill be discussed in greater detail at the following meeting (March 3, 2023), and that Corporation Counsel and the Police Chief be invited to discuss.

LD 527: The Committee discussed whether or not testimony was worth providing. Given that the bill would not impact the City of Portland, it was decided not to testify at this time, although it was generally recognized that allowing more municipal control over speed limits was a positive step toward safer conditions for pedestrians and bicyclists.

LD 518: The Committee asked that the Police Department review the bill and offer insight. They also asked that the bill be flagged to the School Board Chair and co-Superintendents. Staff also confirmed that the School Board Chair and co-Superintendents would be invited to future LNC meetings.

LD 405: Alysia Melnick flagged this bill for the Committee's attention, since a public hearing is scheduled for March 6, 2023. The Committee asked for PD's insight on this bill.

LD 601: Staff advised that public health staff are opposed to this bill, and that the Fire Department is in support of it as they believe it will assist in recruitment/retention efforts.

b. LD 211 (Rep. Skold)

Staff advised that this would not impact City operations. Mayor Snyder suggested that Rep. Skold be given the opportunity to discuss the bill at the next meeting between the delegation and Committee (on March 3, 2023). Alysia Melnick advised that the bill was amended and voted on in February, and Dena Libner advised that PWD had testified in support of it. Alysia Melnick advised that she would provide the amended version of the bill in advance of the 3/3 meeting.

c. FYI: Bill Tracker

Chris Feeney advised that a hearing on LD 88 (re: excise tax on cannabis use) is scheduled for March 9, 2023. Chris Feeney confirmed Bernstein Shur would prepare testimony for the Mayor to deliver via Zoom.

IV. Other Business

V. Adjournment

Councilor Ali made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56am, seconded by Councilor Phillips, vote (4-0).