

**Legislative/Nominating
Committee Minutes**
March 21, 2023



MEMBERS

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

I. Call to Order

Mayor Kate Snyder, Chair called the meeting to order at 8:01am. In attendance were Councilor Pious Ali, Councilor Regina Phillips, Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Danielle West (Interim City Manager), Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur) Chris Feeney (Bernstein Shur), and Chief Heath Gorham (Portland Police).

II. Approval of Meeting minutes

- a. Minutes from the meeting of March 14, 2023

Chair Snyder postponed approving of meeting minutes because a quorum was not yet in attendance.

III. Legislative Update

- a. Discussion/Vote: LD 937 (Resolve, to Establish the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine)

The Committee agreed to review and submit testimony after the meeting.

- b. Discussion: LD 1046 (Decriminalize Public Drinking)
c. Discussion: LD 1056 (Restricting State Assistance in Federal Collection of Personal Electronic Data and Metadata)
d. Discussion: LD 199 (Removing Exclusions to the MaineCare Program)

The Committee agreed to review and submit testimony after the meeting. Staff were asked to provide feedback regarding the impact of this bill on Portland residents.

- e. Review of New LDs (Bernstein Shur)

Staff advised that LD 1101 would be discussed the following week, including testimony recommended by staff for a March 30, 2023 public hearing.

- f. Review: Legislative Tracker (Bernstein Shur)

The Committee asked that testimony on the following bills be drafted and submitted:

- LD 1060 (support)

- *LD 1050 (oppose)*
- *LD 199 (support)*

IV. Other Business

- Discussion: Federal Priorities (in preparation for Hill Day, March 28, 2023)

Committee members approved the priorities list as presented in the backup materials.

V. Testimony

- Testimony in support of LD 787 (An Act to Create the New Maine Resident Service Coordination Program in the Department of Economic and Community Development)

The Committee agreed to review and submit testimony after the meeting.

- Testimony in support of LD 37 (An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens to Eliminate the Requirement for an Annual Application)
- Testimony in support of LD 89 (An Act to Clarify Eligibility for Property Tax Stabilization for Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older)
- Testimony to oppose LD 130 (An Act to Eliminate Senior Citizen Property Tax Stabilization and Expand the Homestead Property Tax Exemption)
- Testimony in support of LD 937 (Resolve, to Establish the Commission Regarding Foreign-trained Physicians Living in Maine)

The Committee agreed to review and submit testimony after the meeting.

VI. Adjournment