

**Legislative/Nominating
Committee Minutes**
April 4, 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 8:06am. In attendance were Councilor Regina Phillips, Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Danielle West (Interim City Manager), Chris Feeney (Bernstein Shur), and Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur).

II. Approval of Meeting minutes

Approval of the minutes was postponed due to the absence of a quorum.

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

III. Legislative Update

- a. Review of New LDs (Bernstein Shur)

The following bills were added to the legislative tracker with the following actions:

- LD 1286 (Resolve, to Establish the Blue Economy): Testimony in support to be prepared
- LD 1293 (An Act to End Chronic Homelessness by Creating the Housing First Fund): Testimony in support to be prepared
- LD 1298 (An Act to Allow a Local Option Sales Tax on Short-Term Lodging to Fund Affordable Housing): Testimony in support to be prepared
- LD 1310 (An Act to Establish a State Emergency Rental Assistance Program): Testimony in support to be prepared
- LD 1351 (Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Create a Program to Promote Transit and Transportation Research and Funding)
- LD 1356 (An Act to Improve the Local Referendum Process by Increasing the Percentage of the Population Required to Submit a Local Referendum Question)
- LD 1365 (An Act to Require Photograph Identification for Voting): Testimony in opposition to be prepared
- LD 1370 (An Act to Simplify the School Budget Validation Process)
- LD 1377 (An Act to Provide Rental Assistance for Recovery Housing)
- LD 1380 (An Act to Fund Municipal Administrative Costs Associate with the Senior Property Tax Stabilization Program): Testimony in support to be prepared

- LD 1402 (An Act to Provide An Additional Allocation in the School Funding Formula to Cover Tax-Exempt Property or a Large Economically Disadvantaged Student Population): Testimony in support to be prepared

b. Review of Legislative Tracker (Bernstein Shur)

IV. Testimony

- a. Submitted: LD 1101, *An Act to Reduce energy costs by enacting a Home Energy Scoring System*
- b. Submitted: LD 199, *An Act to Improve the Health of Maine Residents by Removing Exclusions to the MaineCare Program*
- c. For Review: LD 793, *An Act to Support Municipal Services with Revenue Sharing*

V. Other Business

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

VI. Executive Session

- a. Move into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S 405 (6) (A) for the purpose of discussing candidate applications for positions nominated by the Committee.

Chair Snyder opened the floor for public comment. No one spoke.

Councilor Fournier made a motion to adjourn the meeting and go into executive session, seconded by Councilor Phillips, vote (4-0).

VII. Adjournment