

**Legislative/Nominating
Committee Agenda
May 9, 2023**



MEMBERS

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

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II. Approval of Meeting minutes

- a. Minutes from the Meeting of April 28, 2023
- b. Minutes from the Meeting of May 2, 2023

III. Legislative Update

- a. Review: New LDs (Bernstein Shur)
- b. Review: Legislative Tracker (Bernstein Shur)
 - i. LD 1721 (An Act to Create Transitional Housing Communities for Homeless Populations in the State): Public Hearing on May 12, 2023

IV. Other Business

V. Adjournment

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



MEMBERS

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

I. Call to Order

Chair Snyder called the meeting to order at 8:06am. In attendance were Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), Councilor Phillips, Rep. Matt Moonen, Chris Feeney (Bernstein Shur), Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Danielle West (Interim City Manager), Councilor April Fournier, Sarah Lentz (School Board Chair), Rep. Michael Brennan, Rep. Grayson Lookner, Councilor Pious Ali, Sen. Jill Dusen, Speaker Rachel Talbot-Ross, and Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur).

II. Approval of Meeting minutes

- a. Minutes from April 25, 2023

Councilor Phillips made a motion to approve the April 25 meeting minutes, seconded by Councilor Ali, vote (4-0).

III. Delegation/Committee Discussion

- a. Discussion: Upcoming General Assistance Bills
- b. Discussion: Upcoming Housing Bills
- c. FY24 Budget Update (Danielle West, Interim City Manager)

IV. Other Business

V. Adjournment

Councilor Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chair Snyder, vote (4-0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:57am.

**Legislative/Nominating
Committee Agenda
May 2, 2023**



MEMBERS

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

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Councilor April Fournier at 8:04am. In attendance were Councilor Regina Phillips, Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), Chris Feeney (Bernstein Shur), Danielle West (Interim City Manager), Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Alfredo Vergara (Public Health Administrator), Sean Donaghue (Fire Department), Councilor Pious Ali, and Sarah Lentz (School Board Chair).

II. Legislative Update

a. Review: New LDs (Bernstein Shur)

- i. LD 1751 (An Act to Maximize Federal Funding in Support of Emergency Medical Services) (Staff)

Sean Donaghue spoke in support of LD 1751 and how it would benefit the City of Portland financially. A public hearing was held May 1. Kate Knox and Sean Donaghue agreed to discuss the bill in-depth to determine what modifications to the LD would help to maximize the bill's benefits for Portland.

Committee members supported the creation of testimony in support of the bill.

- ii. LD 1745 (An Act to Support Public Health by Protecting Certain Activities Conducted Under Comprehensive Community Drug Checking Initiatives) (Staff)

Alfredo Vergara explained staff support for this bill and how it would facilitate testing for substances and contaminants quickly and strengthen public health efforts. Committee members expressed support of providing testimony at the public hearing on May 2, at 1pm.

b. Review: Legislative Tracker (Bernstein Shur)

III. Other Business

IV. Executive Session

- a. Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S 405 (6) (A) for the purpose of appointments

Committee members confirmed there was no need to hold

V. Adjournment

Councilor Phillips made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Fournier vote (3-0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:40am.

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Memorandum

To: Portland, City of

From: Bernstein Shur

Date: May 3, 2023

Re: New Legislative Bills Report

Please find below the new legislative documents (LD) printed this week that we have flagged to be of possible interest to your organization. Please indicate to us which bills you would like included on your tracking report.

Thank you.

LD 886 (HP552)

An Act to Allow Clerks to Issue Absentee Ballots After the 3rd Business Day Before Election Day to Voters Who Have a Nonphysical Disability and Voters Who Support a Person with a Disability - **city clerk**

LD 1224 (SP505)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Health and Human Services to Seek Federal Approval for Reimbursement of Community-based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services - **HHS**

LD 1255 (HP803)

An Act to Improve the Security of Voting Places

LD 1664 (SP669)

An Act to Increase Reimbursement Under the General Assistance Program

LD 1669 (HP1067)

An Act to Require That Copies of Deeds and Survey Plans Be Provided

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to Municipal Assessors

LD 1672 (HP1070)

An Act to Establish an Affordable Housing Permitting
Process - **planning**

LD 1673 (HP1071)

An Act to Encourage Affordable Housing and Mixed-use Development
by Establishing a Thriving Corridors Program

LD 1675 (HP1073)

An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the General Assistance Program
Regarding Eligibility, Housing Assistance and State Reimbursement
and to Establish a Working Group

LD 1773 (HP1136)

An Act to Increase the State's Share of the Cost of Health Insurance
for Retired Teachers

LD 1781 (HP1144)

An Act to Establish the Homeless Substance Use Disorder Service
Program - **social services**

LD 1784 (HP1147)

Resolve, to Improve Access to Appropriate Levels of Long-term Care
by Rebasing and Increasing Reimbursement Rates - **social services**

LD 1785 (HP1148)

Resolve, to Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission to Make
Recommendations to Update Laws Governing the Continuum of Long
term Care Options

LD 1827 (SP743)

An Act to Prevent Closures and Ensure Sustainability of Nursing
Facilities, Private Nonmedical Institutions and Residential Care
Facilities by Removing So-called Budget Ne

on Certain Tall Structures

LD 1844 (HP1176)

An Act to Support Emergency Housing Facility Construction, Renovation and Acquisition Statewide by Creating a Matching Grant Program - **social services**

LD 1859 (HP1189)

An Act to Reimburse Training Costs for Emergency Medical and Public Safety Dispatchers - **Fire**

LD 1864 (HP1194)

An Act to Increase Maine's Housing Supply by Prohibiting Certain Zoning Requirements in Areas Where Public Sewer and Water Infrastructure Are Available and in Designated Growth Areas

LD 1867 (HP1197)

An Act to Establish the Community Housing and Rural Development Authority

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LD 1877 (HP1202)

An Act to Reduce the Number of Children Living in Deep Poverty by Adjusting Assistance for Low-income Families



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Legislative Document

No. 665

H.P. 434

House of Representatives, February 16, 2023

**An Act to Extend the Date by Which Compliance is Required for
Affordable Housing Development, Increased Numbers of Dwelling
Units and Accessory Dwelling Units**

Reference to the Joint Select Committee on Housing suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative HEPLER of Woolwich.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CRAY of Palmyra, HALL of Wilton, LANDRY of
Farmington, MATLACK of St. George, MEYER of Eliot, PLUECKER of Warren, ROBERTS
of South Berwick, Senator: BLACK of Franklin.

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2 Financial Services to adopt rules with criteria and an application process for a licensee
3 experiencing financial hardship to be granted a waiver or reduction in license fees.

