

**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 the executive session as planned.

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.