

**Legislative/Nominating
Committee Agenda**
January 23, 2024



MEMBERS
Mayor Mark Dion, Chair
Councilor Pious Ali
Councilor Kate Sykes

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I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Meeting minutes

- a. Minutes from the meeting of January 9, 2024

III. Legislative Update

- a. Review: New LDs List and Tracker (Bernstein Shur)

IV. Other Business

- a. Review and Finalize the 2024 Committee Work Plan (Mayor Mark Dion, Chair)
- b. Property Tax Stabilization Program Update (Danielle West, City Manager)

V. Adjournment

**Legislative/Nominating
Committee Meeting Minutes**
January 9, 2024



MEMBERS
Mayor Mark Dion, Chair
Councilor Pious Ali
Councilor Kate Sykes

I. Call to Order

Mayor Mark Dion (Chair) called the meeting to order at 8:06am. In attendance were Councilor Kate Sykes, City Manager Danielle West, Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Troy Moon (Director of Sustainability), Chief Bob Martin (PD), Ethan Hipple (Parks, Recreation and Facilities), Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur), and Chris Feeney (Bernstein Shur). Councilor Pious Ali was absent.

II. Approval of Meeting minutes

- a. Minutes from the October 31, 2023 Legislative/Nominating Committee Meeting

Councilor Sykes made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mayor Dion, vote (2-0).

III. 2024 Committee Administration

- a. Overview: State Legislative Process (Bernstein Shur)
b. Overview: Committee Process (Mayor Mark Dion, Chair)
c. Review: 2024 Work Plan (Mayor Mark Dion, Chair)

The Committee tabled a vote on this item until all members were in attendance, and asked that it be included on the next Committee meeting agenda.

IV. Legislative Update

- a. LD list and tracker (Bernstein Shur)

As part of this agenda item, the Committee took the following action:

- LD 1465, *An Act to Amend the Calculation of Tariff Rates and Billing Credits Under Net Energy Billing*: Support staff delivery of testimony at the Jan. 9, 2024 public hearing (2-0)
- LD 2077, *An Act Regarding Customer Costs and the Environmental and Health Effects of Natural Gas*: Support (2-0)
- LD 2129, *An Act to Establish a Statewide Sexual Assault Forensic Examination Kit Tracking System and Conduct an Inventory of Existing Forensic Examination Kits in the Possession of Law Enforcements*: Bernstein Shur was asked to collect additional information about the LD, in light of PD concerns re: administrative burden.

- LD 235, *An Act to Promote Economic Development in the Fishing Industry by Funding a Dredging Project in Portland Harbor*: Support (2-0)
 - LD 1156: *An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Promote the Design, Development and Maintenance of Trails for Outdoor Recreation and Active Transportation*: Support (2-0)
 - LD 2136: *An Act to Provide Financial Support for Shelters for Unhoused Individuals*: Support (2-0)
 - LD 2138: *Resolve, to Impose Funding for Homeless Shelters*: Support (2-0)
 - LD 2146: *An Act to Prohibit Certain Municipalities from Adopting Moratoria on Emergency Shelters*: Support (2-0)
- b. Review and Discussion of Draft Testimony in Opposition to LD 1465 (*An Act to Amend the Calculation of Tariff Rates and Billing Credits Under Net Energy Billing*) (staff)

V. Other Business

VI. Adjournment

Councilor Sykes made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Dion, Chair. The meeting was adjourned at 9:26am.



To: Members of the Portland City Council

From: Mayor Mark Dion, Mayor and Members of the Legislative/Nominating Committee

Date:

Re: 2024 Committee Work Plan

On behalf of the City Council, the Legislative/Nominating Committee (LNC) establishes State policy priorities in September (ahead of the First Regular Session of the State Legislature), and Federal policy priorities in January/February (ahead of Hill Day, in March).

Policy priorities are informed by Council Common Goals, as well as staff and stakeholder input. These priorities are finalized by the LNC.

Priorities established in September 2023 are enclosed. These are reflected in the carryover bills included in the Legislative Tracker, and normally continue to guide the LNC's decision-making in the short, Second Regular Session.

2024 Council Common Goals include:

- Improve Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion;
- Impact the Housing Affordability Crisis;
- Act on One Climate Future Recommendations;
- Office of Community Engagement.

Policy priorities of the LNC include, **in order of priority:**

1. General Assistance Administration / Reimbursement Rate
 - a. Amend the GA statute to clarify municipality of responsibility;
 - b. Create a centralized GA application intake process;
 - c. Increase the GA reimbursement rate.
2. Review/engage in the development and funding of the Office of New Americans
3. Funding for the Portland Harbor Dredge Project
4. Local Option Sales Tax

LNC Administration (legislative component):

- LNC meets every second and fourth Tuesday morning at 8:00am when the Legislature is in session;
- A joint meeting with the Portland Delegation is held every fourth Friday of each month at 8:00am, while the Legislature is in session;
- Establish federal priorities in advance of Hill Day (March);
- Consider establishing a position and/or testimony on State bills that reflect City priorities and/or impact City operations;
- Hold an in-person, social meeting between the Portland Delegation and City councilors after the State legislative session.

Nominating component:

- Work with the City Clerk to establish interview dates and processes throughout the year, as needed, for candidates seeking nominations to Boards & Commissions;
- Forward Committee recommendations for nominations to City Council for consideration and appointment.

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