

**Legislative/Nominating
Committee Meeting - January 31,
2025 Agenda**
January 31, 2025



MEMBERS
Mayor Mark Dion, Chair
Councilor Benjamin Grant
Councilor Kate Sykes

REMOTE ACCESS INFORMATION:

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I. Call to Order

II. Introductions

- a. Portland Delegation Members

III. Discussion with Delegation

- a. Update on Rule 26 and Chapter S Proposal (Bernstein Shur)

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Legislative/Nominating Committee Meeting - December 17, 2024
- b. Legislative/Nominating Committee Meeting - January 7, 2025

V. Legislative Update

- a. LD List and Tracker (Bernstein Shur)
 - i. Maine 132 - HP 85 Item 1: An Act to Amend the Freedom of Access Act to Require a Specific Time Frame for Agencies to Comply with Requests for Public Records
 - ii. LD 32: An Act to Repeal the Laws Regarding net Energy Billing and LD 257: An Act to Eliminate the Practice of Net Energy Billing
 - iii. Part TT of Governor's Proposed Budget RE: 6% Ambulance Service Tax

VI. Adjournment

**Legislative/Nominating
Committee Meeting - November
19, 2024 Minutes
December 17, 2024**



MEMBERS

Mayor Mark Dion, Chair
Councilor Pious Ali
Councilor Kate Sykes
Councilor Ben Grant

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 am. In attendance were Mayor Mark Dion (Chair), Councilor Kate Sykes, Councilor Ben Grant, Councilor Sarah Michniewicz, City Manager Danielle West, Max Wilder (Special Assistant to the City Manager), Jason King (Police Major), Ryan Scallon (Portland Public Schools Superintendent), Sarah Lentz (School Board Chair), Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur).

II. Approval of Meeting minutes

Mayor Dion made a motion to approve the minutes of November 19, 2024, moved by Councilor Sykes, seconded by Councilor Grant, vote (3-0).

III. Legislative Update

- a. Review of Legislative Priorities for City Council (with Councilors Present to Answer Questions)
- b. Next steps RE: Staff Legislative Priorities

IV. Other Business

- a. Discussion of Next Meeting Date
Next meeting to take place on Tuesday, January 7, 2025

V. Adjournment

Mayor Dion made a motion to adjourn the meeting, moved by Councilor Sykes, seconded by Councilor Grant, vote (3-0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:33am.

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19, 2024 Minutes
January 7, 2025**



MEMBERS

Mayor Mark Dion, Chair
Councilor Pious Ali
Councilor Kate Sykes
Councilor Ben Grant

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 am. In attendance were Mayor Mark Dion (Chair), Councilor Kate Sykes, Councilor Ben Grant, City Manager Danielle West, Max Wilder (Special Assistant to the City Manager), Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur), Lisa Prosienski (Bernstein Shur).

II. Approval of Meeting minutes

Mayor Dion made a motion to approve the minutes of December 16, 2024, moved by Councilor Sykes, seconded by Councilor Grant, vote (3-0).

III. Legislative Update

- a. Update on the conversation of delegation (Bernstein Shur)

IV. Other Business

- a. Vote regarding staff priorities (Mayor Dion)
The Committee agreed to take action RE: LD1732 (From Aaron Geyer), vote (3-0); Massachusetts 40T (From Director Greg Watson), vote (3-0); and MRS Title 25, section 2804-C (From Chief Dubois), vote (2-1), Councilor Sykes opposed.

V. Adjournment

Councilor Sykes made a motion to reconsider the minutes from December 16, 2024, recognized by Mayor Dion, to be considered on January 31, 2025. Mayor Dion made a suggestion at the request of Senator Talbot Ross to adjust the recurring Legislative/Nominating Committee meeting time with the delegation to the last Friday of the month at 8:00 am, agreed upon by the Committee. Mayor Dion made a motion to adjourn the meeting, moved by Councilor Sykes, seconded by Councilor Grant, vote (3-0). The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 am.



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Memorandum

To: Portland, City of
From: Bernstein Shur
Date: January 10, 2025
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 1 (SP29)
An Act to Increase Storm Preparedness for Maine's Communities,
Homes and Infrastructure

LD 7 (SP19)
An Act to Increase the Homestead Property Tax Exemption for
Residents 65 Years of Age or Older
An Act to Provide Funds Necessary for the Production and Delivery of
Election Materials by the Secretary of State and to Reconvene the
Working Group to Study Polling Places at Schools

LD 15 (SP62)
An Act to Eliminate the Excise Tax on Camper Trailers

LD 25 (SP40)
An Act to Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Fund Wastewater
Treatment Facility Planning and Construction of Infrastructure
Projects

LD 30 (SP47)

Resolve, Directing the Department of Transportation to Implement the Recommendations of the Portland to Auburn Rail Use Advisory Council Regarding the Rail Line from Portland to Yarmouth

LD 34 (SP53)

An Act to Increase the Minimum Salary for Teachers

LD 35 (SP56)

An Act to Strengthen Local Emergency Medical Services by Increasing the MaineCare Reimbursement Rate for Ambulance Services

LD 70 (HP34)

An Act to Fund Free Health Clinics

LD 83 (HP47)

An Act Concerning the Filing of Marriage Licenses and the Recording of Intentions as Part of the Electronic Vital Records System

LD 110 (HP75)

An Act to Require Reporting on the Expenditure of Opioid Settlement Funds by Certain Municipalities and County Governments

LD 111 (HP76)

An Act to Increase the State's Share of Retired Teacher Health Insurance

LD 115 (SP15)

An Act to Assess Impact Fees on Megayachts

LD 119 (SP31)

An Act to Include the Declaration of an Emergency by the President of the United States as a Basis to Allow the Governor to Provide Disaster Relief to Local Governments

LD 123 (SP44)

An Act Regarding Licensure of Emergency Medical Services Persons

LD 138 (SP74)

An Act to Exempt Airports from Certain State Endangered and Threatened Species Habitat Protections



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Date: January 17, 2025
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.

<u>LD 140</u>	(SP76)
An Act to Incrementally Increase the Homestead Property Tax Exemption	

<u>LD 146</u>	(SP82)
An Act to Increase the Maximum Amount of the Historic Property Rehabilitation Tax Credit That May be Taken in a Year	

<u>LD 154</u>	(HP87)
An Act to Amend the Transportation Laws	

<u>LD 159</u>	(HP92)
An Act to Require Vehicle Registrations to Include the Next of Kin of the Vehicle Owner	

<u>LD 174</u>	(HP107)
An Act to Restore Religious Exemptions to Immunization Requirements	

<u>LD 177</u>	(HP110)
An Act to Create Municipal Cannabis Revenue Sharing	

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<u>LD 184</u>	(HP117)
Resolve, Establishing the Commission to Study the Foreclosure Process	
<u>LD 185</u>	(HP118)
An Act to Expand Opportunities to Invest Municipal Tax Increment Financing Revenues	
<u>LD 193</u>	(HP126)
An Act to Fund Students in Maine Schools Who Are Experiencing Homelessness	
<u>LD 209</u>	(HP131)
An Act to Make Supplemental Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and to Change Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025	
<u>LD 215</u>	(HP138)
An Act to Establish a Program to Assist Residents of Large Recovery Residences	
<u>LD 219</u>	(HP142)
An Act to Limit Hypodermic Apparatus Exchange Programs to a One-for-one Exchange	
<u>LD 220</u>	(HP143)
An Act to Establish the Hope and Inclusion Scholarship Program in Order to Provide Funding for Students Attending Certain Private Schools and Students Receiving Home Instruction	
<u>LD 225</u>	(HP148)
An Act to Reduce Property Taxes and Finance Public School Construction and Education Through a 3 Percent Sales Tax on Hotel and Lodging Place Rentals	
<u>LD 237</u>	(SP103)
An Act to Increase the Percentage of Funds Provided to Municipalities Through State-Municipal Revenue Sharing	
<u>LD 238</u>	(SP104)
An Act to Protect Emergency Medical Services Persons' Right to Work in Multiple Health Care Settings	
<u>LD 242</u>	(SP108)
An Act to Extend the Maximum Time Period for Certain School Construction Bonds	
<u>LD 245</u>	(SP111)
An Act to Implement the Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission to Study Emergency Medical Services in the State	



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To: Portland, City of
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Date: January 24, 2025
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 264 (HP167)
An Act to Remove the 12-month Waiting Period for the Maine
Resident Homestead Property Tax Exemption