

**Legislative/Nominating
Committee Meeting - April 8,
2025 Agenda
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MEMBERS
Mayor Mark Dion, Chair
Councilor Benjamin Grant
Councilor Kate Sykes

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I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Meeting minutes

- a. Legislative/Nominating Committee Meeting - March 25, 2025

III. City Submitted Bills

- a. LD 453 - An Act to Require the State to Pay 90 Percent of All General Assistance Expenses of Municipalities and Indian Tribes
Public Hearing scheduled for April 7
- b. LD 639 – An Act to Improve Training Opportunities for Law Enforcement Officers
Public Hearing was March 10 and Work Session was on March 19; voted on Ought to Pass out of Committee (8-4); floor vote pending.
- c. LD 1017 – An Act to Include Food Provided or Served at Emergency Shelters in General Assistance Reimbursement
Public Hearing scheduled for April 7.
- d. LD 1041 – An Act to Preserve Affordability in Publicly Assisted Housing
Public Hearing was on March 25. Greg Watson (Director of Housing & Economic Development), Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), and Representative Lookner are working on a possible technical amendment. Work Session not yet scheduled.

IV. Legislative Update

- a. General Session
- b. New Bills Report

- c. Upcoming Hearings to Plan For

V. Staff/Committee Identified Bills

- a. LD 958 – An Act to Prohibit Eminent Domain on Tribal Lands

Amends the Act to Implement the Maine Indian Claims Settlement and the Mi'kmaq Nation Restoration Act to prevent the taking of land for public uses under the laws of this State if the land is located within Passamaquoddy Indian territory, Penobscot Indian territory, the Houlton Band Trust Land or the Mi'kmaq Nation Trust Land.

- b. LD 1020 – An Act to Repeal the Laws Providing for the Construction of a Connector to Gorham and to Resell Land Taken Under Those Laws to Previous Property Owners

Repeals the laws that authorize the Maine Turnpike Authority to construct a connector to Gorham. It requires the Maine Turnpike Authority to resell the land purchased for the construction of the connector to the previous property owner or the previous property owner's heirs, assigns or successors. If the previous property owner or the heirs, assigns or successors of the previous property owner do not want the land, the bill requires the Maine Turnpike Authority to transfer the land at no cost to the municipality in which the property is located. The bill stipulates the municipality must donate the land to a local land trust if the municipality does not want the land. If the local land trust does not want the land, the municipality may offer the land for sale at a public auction.

- c. LD 1024 – An Act to Expand the List of Crimes That Do Not Qualify for Immunity Under Maine's Good Samaritan Laws

Amends Maine's Good Samaritan laws concerning drug-related medical assistance by adding possession of a firearm by a prohibited person, unlawful trafficking in scheduled drugs and unlawfully furnishing scheduled drugs to the list of crimes that do not qualify for immunity under those laws.

- d. LD 1292 – An Act to Codify the Maine Turnpike Authority's Contributions to the Highway Fund with Regard to the Sensible Transportation Policy Act

Specifies that the Maine Turnpike Authority must contribute, on a quarterly basis, to the Highway Fund any revenues and reserves exceeding the sum of the authority's legislatively approved operating budget, reserve maintenance fund, debt services fund and debt service reserve fund, the amount required to support the debt service, any additional amount required to be kept in reserve, any additional amount allocated to a planning or capital project outside the authority's general maintenance and preservation duty that has been legislatively approved and approved by the Department of Transportation and found to be a greater priority than any other department projects and to be consistent with the Sensible Transportation Policy Act.

VI. Adjournment

