

**Legislative/Nominating
Committee Meeting - September
18, 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. Legislative Update (Legislative Committee)

- a. Discussion of Upcoming Legislative Session (Bernstein Shur)
- b. Legislative Priorities from City Staff

III. Adjournment

Mayor and Council Offices

Mark Dion

Mayor

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Staff Legislative Policy Priorities

Police Department

- Require Resource Officers in Schools: Every Chief of Police, in consultation with the superintendent and subject to appropriation, shall assign at least 1 school resource officer to serve the city, town, commonwealth charter school, regional school district or county agricultural school.
- Probable Cause for Protective Custody: Police Behavioral Health Units (BHU) shall have the authority to establish probable cause for protective custody. Currently, Police BHUs are only able to advise, not mandate, individuals seek medical care.
- Overdose Follow-up Care: Mandatory Emergency Room visits shall be required for individuals who are given Naloxone to treat narcotic overdose in an emergency situation. Currently, most individuals decline medical treatment after being administered Naloxone. The likelihood of a short term subsequent overdose is high. This would allow individuals to be put in protective custody and transported to the nearest emergency department for evaluation.
- Property Damage Only Car Accident Reporting: Properly trained civilians or constables shall be permitted to provide official reports for property-damage only car accidents. Currently, a sworn law enforcement officer must respond to all calls for reportable incidents, which are those that are \$2,000 more in damage. Property-damage only reports are generally necessitated from an insurance requirement. In any given week, Portland Police respond to 60-90 car accidents to provide reports, which creates a burden on officers' time. It is the opinion of the Police Department that, as in other states, this burden could be offloaded, in part, to trained individuals who are not sworn officers.
- Traffic Camera Pilot Program: Consideration of Legislative Changes that would allow a traffic camera pilot program.