



**Legislative Committee
Meeting
January 12, 2021**

AGENDA

I. Zoom

- a. The Portland City Council will hold a meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 8:00 AM. This meeting will take place remotely using Zoom. Virtual meetings are allowed using emergency legislation approved by LD 2167; 1 M.R.S. §403A, that authorizes cities and towns to conduct meetings online. Allow your computer to install the free Zoom app to get the best meeting experience. If you are not able to attend live, a recording will be uploaded to portlandmaine.gov/livestream the next day. For public comment, you will need to use the "raise your hand" feature. To raise your hand via the telephone, please hit *9. You will be unmuted by the host when it is time for public.

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II. Call to Order

III. Approve Minutes

- a. December 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes
- b. January 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes

IV. Review of Priority Bills (Bernstein Shur)

- a. Bills to review

V. Review Committee Work Plan

- a. 2019 Committee Work Plan

VI. Adjourn



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Memorandum

To: Portland, City of
From: Bernstein Shur
Date: January 11, 2021
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 24](#)

An Act Regarding Certificates of Birth, Marriage and Death

[LD 32](#)

An Act Regarding Remote Participation in Public Proceedings

[LD 37](#)

An Act To Amend the Laws Concerning the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program

[LD 39](#)

An Act To Remove the Plastic Bag Ban



CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

Legislative and Nominating Committee Meeting

2019 WORK PLAN

APRIL:

1. Immigrant Voting Rights for local elections
2. Rank Choice Voting for all local elections
3. Local Clean Elections initiative

MAY:

1. Proposal from City Clerk regarding Portland polling places
2. Maintain membership in Mayor's Coalition

JUNE:

1. Develop Federal Legislative Agenda
2. Review of Boards and Committees – length of terms and term limits

JULY/AUGUST:

1. Local Lobbyist Disclosure/Registration
2. Review/modify Annual District Meetings

FALL:

1. Evaluate/modify nominations outreach process for open board/committee positions