



**Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2021**

The April 13, 2021, remote Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Pious Ali at 8:01 AM on Zoom.

Councilor Pious Ali (Chair), Councilor Fournier, Councilor Nick Mavodones, Jon Jennings (City Manager), Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Kathy Jones (City Clerk), Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), Chris Feeney (Bernstein Shur), and Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur) were present.

Councilor Mavodones made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 6, 2021, seconded by Councilor Fournier, vote 3-0.

Councilor Fournier inquired about **LD 805** (*An Act To Allow Municipalities To Prohibit Firearms at Voting Places*), for which a public hearing was held on April 12. She requested that testimony be submitted prior to the Committee's work session.

Kate Knox and Alysia Melnick led review of a list of newly released bills with the Committee.

LD 1278 (*An Act To End the Maine Information and Analysis Center*) - Councilor Mavodones said he will not be in support of dissolving MIAC. Councilor Fournier said she would be in support of dissolving MIAC, and that it comes down to the surveillance, use and misuse of information. She requested additional information related to **LD 12**, which proposes additional oversight of MIAC. Councilor Ali also voiced strong support for LD 1278 and recommended that testimony be submitted. Councilor Mavodones expressed that he would support LD 12.

LD 1378 (*An Act To Facilitate Compliance with Federal Immigration Law by State and Local Government Entities*) - Councilor Ali strongly opposes the bill and inquired if it would be beneficial for City of Portland to testify. Mr. Jennings agreed that the City should testify.

LD 1396 (*An Act To Provide for Remote Notarization*) - Mr. Jennings said that it will provide a more efficient process when we are in this type of situation and recommends following the MMA in support of it.

LD 1401 (*An Act To Prohibit Biological Males from Participating in School Athletic Programs and Activities Designated for Females at Schools That Receive Federal Funding*) - Councilor Fournier would like the committee to testify in opposition of this bill, and that it is important for the City to be standing behind the trans community. Councilor Mavodones agreed with the importance of the issue, but added that the bill is primarily an issue for the School Board or administration. Mr. Jennings clarified that the absence of City staff's stated opposition does not mean that staff are neutral from a policy standpoint, only that the bill would not have a fiscal or operational impact on City administration.

Mr. Jennings asked the committee to revisit **LD 1367** (*An Act To Create a Grant Program To Promote Innovation in Municipal Carbon Reduction Initiatives*), and expressed that he believes it is worth significant support. The Committee agreed, and Mr. Jennings confirmed staff would testify in support of the bill.

Councilor Fournier made a motion to recommend testimony in support of **LD 1278** (*An Act To End the Maine Information and Analysis Center*), seconded by Councilor Mavodones. The motion passed (2-1).

Councilor Fournier made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Mavodones, vote 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.