



Legislative & Nominating Committee Meeting

July 6, 2021

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AGENDA

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II. Call to Order

III. Approval of Meeting minutes

- a. Minutes from the meeting of June 22, 2021

IV. Legislative Update

V. Other Business

- a. Review: 2021 Committee Work Plan

VI. Adjournment



**Legislative Committee Meeting
June 22, 2021**

The June 22, 2021 Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Pious Ali at 8:00 AM on Zoom.

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

Kate Knox provided a legislative update. She informed the Committee that there are 50 unresolved bills in Augusta. Kate said the Legislature adjourned to allow appropriation to complete work on the budget and on the bill to allocate federal funds. Kate said that they will come back on Wednesday, June 30, at which point they will finish the last 50 bills and return 10 days later for the second veto day.

Kate Knox informed the Committee that Bernstein Shur's focus in Augusta on behalf of the City is harbor dredging funding. She added that there are ongoing bills on the table, such as GA reimbursement.

Councilor Ali asked about **LD 991** (*Resolve- Directing DOT to Conduct the Economic Evaluation Study for Commuter and Passenger transfers between Portland and Lewiston*). Kate said the amended version was passed by the Legislature. City Manager Jon Jennings said he had had a discussion with the MDOT Commissioner, and that MDOT plans to move forward with the study.

Councilor Ali requested that the Committee meet every other week due to changing schedules in the summer. Committee members agreed.

Councilor Fournier moved to approve the meeting minutes from June 8, 2021, second by Councilor Mavodones, vote 3-0.

Councilor Mavodones moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Councilor Fournier, vote 3-0.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 AM.

Legislative/Nominating Committee 2021 WORK PLAN

Committee Goals

- Review Committee goals in context of Council goals
- Review interview questions and process for nominating activities
- Revise City of Portland website to reflect process and timing regarding all Boards and Committees
- Develop strategy to engage and collaborate with Portland delegation to Augusta
- Finetune work plan / communications / organizational process re: nominating work
- Establishing support and focus of City Clerk, City Manager, and Corporation Counsel
- Connect with policy stakeholders (Portland delegation, school board)

Committee Activity by Quarter

Q1 (January through March)

- Review State legislation
- Staff develop Federal priorities memo for Committee review
- Review/interview applicants to boards/commissions
- Review nominating work scheduling and process
- Ensuring legislative priorities align with Council goals

Q2 (April through June)

- Charter Commission election
- Any open board/commission seats and nominating work
- Committee meets with City Clerk to plan nomination work process
- Immigrant Voting Rights for local elections

Q3 (July through September)

- Committee meets with City Clerk to plan nomination outreach process

Q4 (October through December)

- Staff develop State priorities memo for Committee review (November)
- Committee requests councilors' input on State/Federal priorities (November)