



Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes June 8, 2021

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

Councilor Pious Ali (Chair), Mayor Kate Snyder, Councilor Fournier, Jon Jennings (City Manager), Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), and Chris Feeney (Bernstein Shur) were present. Councilor Nick Mavadones was not in attendance.

Kate Knox informed the committee that there are no new bills of relevance to Portland. She advised that the Governor's budget is currently in Appropriations. The Committee discussed Governor-outlined ARP funds- federal money, bill was just printed Friday.

Kate provided an update on the status of bills of interest to Portland. **LD 32** (*remote meeting bill*) is still in Committee. Mayor Snyder asked if the bill would take effect immediately upon passage, or if it would only be relevant outside the State of Emergency. Chris Feeney confirmed that the bill did not include an emergency preamble; Kate Knox stated it will go into effect ninety (90) days after adjournment, with an estimated effective date mid-September.

Kate Knox discussed proposed amendments to the language for LD 1611 (*off-track betting*) and the harbor dredging bill. She confirmed that Representative Brennan is assisting on the dredging bill.

Kate let the committee know about the sign-on letter regarding opposition to the Single-Sex Shelter Bill, which seeks to ban trans women from women's shelters.

Councilor Pious Ali (Chair) made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Snyder, Councilor Fournier, vote 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 AM.