City of Portland
Ad Hoc Committee Agenda

Location, Date, etc.

1. Call the Meeting to Order and Conduct Roll Call (5:30 PM)
   a. Due to the existence of an "emergency or ugent issue" the Charter Commission Committees will conduct this meeting by remote mehtods/technology at the Zoom link provided below, in accordance with the requirements of 1 M.R.S. section 403-B and the Charter commission Remote Participation Policy.
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   When: Nov 8, 2021 05:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
   Topic: Charter Commission Governance Committee Meeting

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2. Approval of the prior meeting minutes
   a. Approval of the October 13, 2021 meeting minutes. (5:32)
3. Governance Committee Work Plan; review and discuss (5:35)
4. New Business (5:40)
5. Public Comment (5:45)
6. Individual Interview with four municipal governance experts (6:00 PM)
7. Adjournment (8:00 PM)

City of Portland, Maine
Charter Commission
Governance Committee
MINUTES

October 13, 2021

Committee Members Attending via Zoom: Commissioner Robert O'Brien (Chair), Commissioner Ryan Lizanecz (Vice Chair) (5:35pm), Commissioner Nasreen Sheikh-Yousef (Secretary), Commissioner Shay Stewart-Bouley.

1. Call Meeting to Order and Conduct Roll Call

Chair O'Brien called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and called the roll. Commissioners Stewart-Bouley, Sheik-Yousef, and O'Brien were present. (Commissioner Lizanecz arrived at 5:35pm).

2. Approval of September 22, 2021 Minutes

Chair O'Brien called for a motion to approve the Minutes of September 22, 2021. Moved by Commissioner Stewart-Bouley and seconded by Commissioner Sheik-Yousef, the motion carried unanimously.

3. Governance Committee Work Plan: review and discuss

Chair O'Brien reviewed the Committee Work Plan with members. Commissioner O'Brien asked members to reschedule the committee meeting on October 27 to October 25 to avoid a scheduling conflict with the Charter Commission meeting. Members agreed to that date. (Note: the October 25 date was later rescheduled to November 10 via email to avoid another committee conflict.)

4. Values Mapping & Desired Outcomes: review and discuss

Chair O'Brien shared on the screen a summary document of values derived from the workshop on September 29 to evaluate against a future proposal developed by this committee. The Values Mapping workshop was facilitated by David Plumb *gratis*. Commissioner Stewart-Bouley, who could not attend the September 29 workshop, was asked if the values aligned with her thinking. Commissioner Stewart-Bouley affirmed the values as presented.

5. Public Comment (paraphrased)

Mr. Lumpkin said that the current mayor's powers and duties are misleading to voters who expect to elect a mayor with executive capacity. Debate during a campaign is healthy. The Mayor of Portland carries political weight and can prepare a candidate for the Governorship. The city still needs management expertise.

Mr. Blanchette offered the opinion that an elected, executive mayor encourages accountability to the electorate.

Stewart urged commissioners to keep municipal titles consistent with the job descriptions. He also suggested that the last mayor was conflicted by the job's limitations.

6. Interviews with Mayors

The members of the Governance Committee hosted four separate interviews with Mayor Kate Snyder; former Mayor Michael Brennan; a panel with former councilor-mayors Jill Duson, Karen Geraghty, and Jim Cohen; and former Mayor Ethan Strimling.

7. Adjournment

Chair O'Brien asked for any new business. Hearing none, he called for adjournment. The motion was moved by Commissioner Lizanecz, and seconded by Commissioner Stewart-Bouley. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.