



Legislative/Nominating Committee Meeting
November 30, 2021

AGENDA

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- II. Call to Order**
- III. Approval of the November 16, 2021 Meeting minutes**
 - a. Minutes from the November 16, 2021 Meeting
- IV. Meeting with the Portland Delegation to Augusta**
- V. Other Business**
- VI. Adjournment**



Legislative and Nominating Committee Minutes
November 16, 2021

The November 16, 2021 Legislative Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Pious Ali at 8:00 AM on Zoom.

Councilor Pious Ali (Chair), Councilor Nick Mavodones, Councilor April Fournier, Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Kathy Jones, (City Clerk) Sheba Brown (Executive Office Manager), Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur), and Chris Feeney (Bernstein Shur) were present. Mayor Kate Snyder was not present.

Councilor Fournier made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 26, 2021 meeting, seconded by Councilor Mavodones, vote (3-0).

Alysia Melnick explained that appeals from legislators on bills denied in the first round will be reviewed later in the week, and that a finite number of bills will be reviewed during the legislative session. Chris and Alysia will reach out to staff if they hear of any legislation that may be of interest to the Committee.

Chris Feeney reported on the Commission to increase housing and labor opportunities. A report will go before the legislature. The City will have an opportunity to weigh in once the report is released. Homestead tax bills have been partially addressed in the budget. Senator Chipman expressed to Chris Feeney that he is interested in discussing improvements and modifications to those bills. LD 1447 was not addressed in the budget.

Dena Libner confirmed the schedule for the remainder of the year. The Committee will continue to meet with the Delegation on the last Tuesday in November and December. Councilor Ali expressed that meetings with the Delegation should stay on calendar until appointments are made for next year. It was decided that all other Legislative Delegation meetings for November and December should be cancelled, and that the Committee will ask the Delegation in November if the December meeting should be moved up a week to accommodate holiday schedules.

Kathy Jones was asked about going into executive session for Nominations. As there was not a quorum for the scheduled executive session, it will be postponed to a later date.

Motion was made by Councilor Mavodones and seconded by Councilor Fournier to adjourn the meeting, vote (3-0). Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 AM.