



City of Portland
Education Committee Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

- Chair Houston opens the meeting. Introductions.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Eglinton motions to approve the minutes from last meeting. Chann seconds the motion.
- Roll Call: Chann, Eglinton, Houston vote yes. Motion passes unanimously.

3. Discussion on Guests for Future Meetings

- Memo from Drummond Woodsum to Portland Public Schools. Commissioner Eglinton would like to request the attorney from Drummond Woodsum, which represents Portland Public Schools, to give a briefing on the memo sent to the Committee. Chair Houston will reach out to PPS Attorney/Superintendent to arrange a time to appear.
- Mayor and City Council Involvement in School Budget. Commissioner Eglinton suggests we reach out to School Board finance chair and representative from City Council knowledgeable of school budget process. Mayor is open to appearing before the Education Committee or full Charter Commission, but would also like to invite all three former elected mayors. Commissioner Eglinton volunteers to reach out to council, mayor, and corporation counsel.
- Commissioner Chann will reach out to School Board Finance Chair Anna Trevorrow and School Board Chair Emily Figdor to request appearance at Education Committee meeting.

4. Public Hearing

- Comment on Zoom Link not working. Commissioners will look into why the link in the agenda is not working.
- Comment approving of Commission looking into state statutes related to education and asking what the public hearing is on.

Commissioner Eglinton gives summary of what was covered before public hearing portion.



- Comment on City Council/School Board relationship on school budget, specifically in light of revaluation; resident voting appealing; having school budget vote on voting day with greater turnout.

5. Other Business

- Commissioner Chann suggests addressing zoom link issue and providing public comment at the end of the next meeting as well. Chair Houston will check with the City Clerk.

6. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Eglinton. Seconded by Commissioner Chann. Roll Call Vote: Commissioners Chann, Eglinton, and Houston vote yes. Motion passes unanimously.