



Legislative & Nominating Committee

January 4, 2022

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AGENDA

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II. Call to Order

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Minutes from December 30, 2021

IV. New Business

- a. 2022 Work Plan

V. Legislative Update

- a. **Preparing for the Legislative Session**

The Second Regular Session of the 130th Maine Legislature begins January 5, 2022. A full list of bill titles can be viewed [here](#). Committee members will discuss their process for bill prioritization throughout the session, with insight from Bernstein Shur and City staff as needed.

VI. Other Business

- a. Meeting Schedule

VII. Adjournment

Legislative and Nominating Committee Minutes

November 30, 2021

The October 26, 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 (Acting Chair), Councilor April Fournier, Anne McGuire (Assistant City Manager), Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Senator Heather Sanborn, Senator Ben Chipman, Representative Rachel Talbot-Ross, Representative Barb Wood, Representative Sam Zager, Representative Michael Brennan, Representative Ed Crockett, Representative Grayson Lookner and Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur) were present. Councilor Nick Mavodones was not present.

Councilor Fournier made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 19, 2021 meeting, seconded by Councilor Ali, vote (3-0).

Representative Lookner asked for information on the Portland Police Department hiring process and asked as a member of the Criminal Justice Committee that the Committee have an opportunity to engage with the hiring process for the Department.

Councilor Fournier expressed interest in LD 1626 “An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act” and asked how the City could support that legislation.

Rep. Talbot Ross discussed LR 2140, which would establish the provision of emergency medical services as essential services, LR 2352, which would expand access to mental health and crisis care, and LR 2502, which would limit data collection in an effort to combat profiling in Maine.

Representative Crockett discussed LD 133, an appropriations bond to invest in fire stations which was supported by Chief Gautreau.

Representative Brennan discussed LD 2131 to take advantage of Medicaid reimbursement for schools and ensure there is a process to maximize services for occupational therapy, speech therapy, etc. LD 2425 which would provide assistance to long term care facilities, and highlighted Speaker Fecteau’s upcoming zoning bill, LR 2299. Representative Brennan also discussed carryover bills to bring General Assistance reimbursement to 90%, and an upcoming study on the educational achievement gap based on race and income.

Representative Zager discussed a carryover bill regarding flavored tobacco, and Mayor Snyder noted that as the flavored tobacco issue will be coming up locally, further discussion may be warranted. Representative Zager also discussed a bill which would address genome editing technology and ethics.

Representative Lookner discussed his bill that was carried over, LD 1658, which would impact municipal campaign finance transparency, and would primarily apply to the City of Portland and would offer assistance from the State for that issue.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Ali at 9:00 AM.

Legislative/Nominating Committee 2022 WORK PLAN -DRAFT

Committee Goals

My hope for this committee this year is to have close collaboration with the state delegation to help align our actions locally and at the state, have good conversations around how we can best support each other, and ensure our meetings are productive and efficient for all of us.

- Review Committee goals in context of Council goals (I have listed my priorities based on discussion with council members and our council goal setting workshop)
 - Housing
 - Homelessness
 - Public Safety
 - Racial Equity
 - ARPA Funding
 - Pandemic Response
 - Refugee/Asylee Support
- Review interview questions and process for nominating activities
 - Kathy has reviewed all board and committee interview questions and will begin outreach to chairs on reducing questions to 3 the nominating committee will ask during interviews.
 - Kathy has outlined nomination and interview timelines to help with crafting our annual workplan and help us prepare well ahead of time in setting aside time for interviews and ensuring good public notice and outreach.
- Revise City of Portland website to reflect process and timing regarding all Boards and Committees
 - Would like to explore this further with Kathy and Jessica Grondin on what's coming up for the city website
- Develop strategy to engage and collaborate with Portland delegation to Augusta
 - Conversations have begun with how we best collaborate. Considering more frequent meetings at the beginning of the session and exploring an in-person outside coffee/breakfast event to work on relationship building
- Finetune work plan / communications / organizational process re: nominating work
 - Would like a procedure documented for how the nominations process works,

roles and responsibilities, timelines and best practices to prepare for the transition of this work when Kathy retires.

- Establishing support and focus of City Clerk, City Manager, and Corporation Counsel
 - Clarifying roles and responsibilities for who is involved with which activity this committee works on
- Connect with policy stakeholders (Portland delegation, school board)
 - Would like to amend this to more focus on creating or refining procedure which the legislative portion of the committee review a policy position, craft testimony, testify, submit testimony and work with the city staff to ensure we are not contradicting each other on behalf of the city. How do we ensure that the city is speaking with one unified voice?

Committee Activity by Quarter (this looks ok, we can review in committee)

Q1 (January through March)

- Review State legislation and plan any priorities for testimony
 - Plan council/delegation coffee/breakfast, need outside location with heaters and masking required
- Review/interview applicants to boards/commissions (Jan call for noms/Feb interviews)
 - Consider how to diversify the committees and boards, what type of outreach to community groups is possible to explain what these positions do?
- Review nominating work scheduling and process (begin work on procedure documentation)
- Ensuring legislative priorities align with Council goals (bi-weekly or 2x/month meetings during this quarter)
- Is there a potential to meet or invite congressional delegation to join and talk about their work, hear our priorities and just build relationships?

Q2 (April through June)

- Special Election for school board & school budget elections in June
- Any open board/commission seats and nominating work (are there any openings that we need to interview for mid-year or can we plan for winter and fall interviews and appointments?)
- Committee meets with City Clerk to plan nomination work process
 - Kathy will be retiring (and we will miss her!!!), what do we need to know, document, clarify, or complete before she is done?

Q3 (July through September)

- Committee meets with City Clerk to plan nomination outreach process

Q4 (October through December)

- New clerk or Interim Clerk onboarding

Q4 (Oct-December)

- Staff develop State priorities memo for Committee review (November)
- Committee requests councilors' input on State/Federal priorities (November)
 - Should we have a specific invite to the council to attend a special meeting to review staff priorities and add any council priorities
- Staff develop Federal priorities memo for Committee review
 - We have not had much engagement with our congressional delegation. Can we explore this, but look at Q1 or Q2 engagement