

City of Portland  
Charter Commission Ad Hoc  
Education Committee Meeting Minutes  
December 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER**

CHAIR HOUSTON opens the meeting and takes attendance and committee does introductions.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes by EGLINTON. Seconded by CHANN. HOUSTON roll call: HOUSTON yes. EGLINTON yes. CHANN yes. Passes unanimously.

**DISCUSSION WITH ATTORNEY KATSIAFICAS**

Attorney Katsiaficas: Discussion of memo. State law and home rule provisions lays out who serves as a legislative body and that municipalities have broad home rule authority.

- On the issue of school bonding, it still requires that the city issues the bond.
- The committee can put in place charter language that increases more cooperation between school board and council.

**PREPARE FOR FULL COMMISSION MEETING ON 12/22/2021**

HOUSTON opens discussion about preparation for full commission meeting.

- Put together a memorandum for the full commission that includes proposals, summary of work, and memos from Drummond Woodsum and Attorney Katsiaficas.
- EGLINTON: Suggests putting together summaries of each of Committee members proposals to better share with the full commission and have each member help.
- HOUSTON agrees and will put together a document to share.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

HOUSTON opens the public comment period.

- K. SNYDER: Had a question on whether the document mentioning Sanford could be included in the packet. In addition, standardizing the proposals across the various subcommittees. Wondering if memo from Attorney Katsiaficas highlighted importance of having the municipality weigh in on the school budget proposal since only 25% of residents have kids in schools.

**WORK PLAN**

HOUSTON asks Committee to discuss work plan and prioritizing proposals.

- EGLINTON: Do we have one or two proposals that we really want to advance to the full commission. Hope to finalize some proposals in January and pick a few. Having on the table a recommendation to not change anything.
- CHANN: Look forward to hearing what the full commission says on our proposals.
- HOUSTON: Agreed and that January the committee will do a deep dive into refining the proposals.
- HOUSTON: Will get started on the memo for full commission.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- CHANN: Invite students for a Q/A

#### **ADJOURN**

CHANN motions to adjourn. Roll Call: HOUSTON yes. EGLINTON yes. CHANN yes.