



City of Portland
Charter Commission Ad Hoc
Education Committee Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2021 at 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

HOUSTON entertains motion to approve minutes from last meeting.

Roll Call: HOUSTON, CHANN, EGLINTON vote in favor. Motion passes unanimously.

Committee members discussed and debriefed the last meeting on October 6th meeting.

- EGLINTON appreciated Corporation Counsel positive opinion of Memo from Drummond Woodsum. Suggested we should look into other cities and towns mentioned in memo/Drummond Woodsum, such as Auburn.
- CHANN mentioned two themes raised by guests from meeting, one being school board parity with council and the other being changes made by last charter commission worked to incorporate more opportunities for collaboration.

Discussion on meeting guests and experts

- EGLINTON asked if committee was happy with the way workshops were progressing and if any changes were needed.
- HOUSTON thought workshops were going well as someone who was also attending other workshops by other committees.
- CHANN workshops going good, but bi-weekly meetings present a bit of a time crunch for coordinating outreach to experts and inviting.

Report out to full commission

- EGLINTON report to full commission, should we write report that covers what we have done so far, what are other committees doing?
- CHANN planning to summarize in a memo activity of Elections Committee so far (as an example what other committees are doing).

- EGLINTON offered to write memo/report.
- HOUSTON wants to put basics together to send to EGLINTON and CHANN

Potential guests for future meetings

- EGLINTON and HOUSTON agree to invite other town and city school board representatives to offer perspectives on what works in their contexts.
- HOUSTON will reach out to Drummond Woodsum.
- EGLINTON not necessarily ask them questions about their charters but their perspectives on what works and doesn't work.
- EGLINTON invite someone from Multilingual and Multicultural Center from PPS, someone from Portland Adult Education, and PATHS.
- HOUSTON wondering if we should get ideas on availability or schedule a meeting now.
- EGLINTON suggests giving them several dates.
- CHANN will reach out to someone from MDOE

NEW BUSINESS

- EGLINTON mentioned possibility of budget for staff for research or policy analysis.
- HOUSTON don't foresee need for staff for education committee currently.
- CHANN suggest if needed, to reach out to Maine Law students who could assist Attorney Katsiaficas.
- EGLINTON come up with a revised schedule/plan on when we will delve into topics.

EGLINTON moves to adjourn. CHANN seconds.