



## **Legislative and Nominating Committee Minutes**

### **January 4, 2022**

The January 4, 2022 Legislative Committee meeting was called to order by Chair April Fournier at 8:00 AM on Zoom.

Councilor April Fournier (Chair), Mayor Kate Snyder, Councilor Pious Ali, Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Sheba Brown (Executive Office Manager), Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur), and Chris Feeney (Bernstein Shur) were present. Mayor Snyder left the meeting at 8:30 AM.

Councilor Ali made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 30, 2021 meeting, seconded by Mayor Snyder, vote (3-0).

Chair Fournier opened the meeting and discussed the Legislative and Nominating Committee's work plan and shared goals for the Committee. Chair Fournier specifically highlighted developing a closer relationship with the State delegation through regular meetings and an annual outdoor gathering; streamlining the nomination process and timeline; revising the website to make openings on boards and committees more visible; defining what staff and external stakeholders should be regularly invited to meetings; and looking at new and innovative ways to approach attracting a more diverse range of applicants to committees.

Mayor Snyder requested that staff provide the Committee with information on the timing for interviewing Boards and Commissions so that scheduling interviews can be a more streamlined process.

Councilor Ali discussed the Council's prior participation in the National League of Cities visit to federal representatives in Washington, DC as a way to build closer relationships with State and Federal representatives, and asked that City staff coordinate with Bernstein Shur to get an update on State legislation between meetings with the State delegation.

Alysia Melnick discussed that the Legislature will be meeting in person (with masks), but will be conducting much of their committee work remotely, and plan to have the full legislature meet more frequently to avoid condensing their legislative work until the end of session. They will also be watching the supplemental budget and carryover bills that will be worked on in the coming weeks, and flagged Representative Brennan's bills that may have an impact on the city.

Chris Feeney discussed that the Housing Committee submitted recommendations which they will continue to monitor, and flagged Rep. Zager's gene editing bill.

Councilor Ali made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 AM, seconded by Chair Fournier, vote (2-0) (Mayor Snyder absent).