



Legislative and Nominating Committee Minutes

January 25, 2022

The January 25, 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, Danielle West (Interim City Manager), Kristen Dow (Health and Human Services Director), Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Senator Heather Sanborn, Senator Ben Chipman, Representative Rachel Talbot Ross, Representative Grayson Lookner, Representative Barb Wood, Representative Ed Crockett, Representative Sam Zager, Representative Michael Brennan, Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur), and Chris Feeney (Bernstein Shur) were present.

Mayor Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 18, 2022 meeting, seconded by Councilor Ali, vote (3-0).

Representative Zager discussed LD 1909, An Act To Remove Restrictions on Syringe Service Programs with Kristen Dow and the Committee.

Kristen Dow discussed the steep increase in asylum-seeking families receiving emergency services from the City of Portland, and concerns about the upcoming April 1, 2022 end date for FEMA reimbursement of 30% of General Assistance costs not covered by the State.

Mayor Snyder clarified that the Committee is asking for the State Delegation's support and input as the City moves forward in addressing the two issues discussed by Kristen Dow.

Mayor Snyder made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 AM, seconded by Councilor Ali, vote (3-0).