



City of Portland
Charter Commission Ad Hoc
Education Committee Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2022 at 6:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ATTENDANCE
 - PRESENT: EGLINTON, HOUSTON, CHANN.
- III. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETINGS MINUTES
 - EGLINTON moves to approve minutes. CHANN seconds. Roll Call: HOUSTON, yes. EGLINTON, yes. CHANN, yes.
- IV. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSALS AND NEXT STEPS
 - HOUSTON presents proposal to improve Portland school governance that looks at school board parity, school board bond process, and school board vacancies.
 - EGLINTON asks for clarification on several parts of the first proposal on school budget preparation.
 - CHANN asks about language for requesting budget information and mention of city manager, whether governance proposals impact that.
 - EGLINTON asks which of the two proposals under consideration will appear first at public hearing for a vote.
 - CHANN suggested merging two proposals rather than having them compete.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSALS
 - Cheryl Leeman asked a number of questions around clarity on the process outlined in HOUSTON's proposal, question on if threshold of voter turnout required, and question on whether there would be redistricting similar to council.
 - School Board Chair Emily Figdor addressed some comments made previously, said that if Charter Commission proposes stronger mayor separate from council, joint committee would be duplicative and not needed.
 - Eamonn Dundon from Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce suggested getting clarification from Commission Attorney Katsiaficas on whether joint committee would be considered the municipal legislative body as outlined in state statute.
 - Superintendent Xavier Botana referenced Drummond Woodsum memo that said School Board can be a legislative body.
 - Karen Snyder asks for clarification on transparency on who helped to write the language, asked for sources for benchmarking of other cities/towns, confused by comments made by School Board Chair Figdor, concerned about mayor supplanting council role.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS



- EGLINTON asks if Attorney Katsiaficas can take a look and provide comments on the municipal legislative body question.
- HOUSTON will prepare materials requested by commenters.

VII. ADJOURN

CHANN moves to adjourn. EGLINTON seconds. Roll Call: CHANN, yes. EGLINTON, yes. HOUSTON, yes. Motion passes unanimously. Meeting is adjourned.