

**Legislative & Nominating
Committee Agenda
March 8, 2022**



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II. Call to Order

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Minutes from the Meeting of March 1, 2022

IV. Legislative Update

- a. For Consideration: Written Testimony for LD 1986 (An Act To Exempt Permanently Disabled Veterans from Payment of Property Tax) (5 minutes)
- b. Discussion: LD 2003 (An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Commission To Increase Housing Opportunities in Maine by Studying Zoning and Land Use Restrictions) (5 minutes)

A public hearing on this item was held March 7, 2022.

- c. For Discussion: LD 906 (An Act To Provide Passamaquoddy Tribal Members Access to Clean Drinking Water)

A public hearing on this bill was held on February 17, 2022. A work session is scheduled for March 10, 2022.

- d. Review of Legislative Tracker (Bernstein Shur) (5 minutes)

V. Other Business

- a. Review: Governor's Proposed Supplemental Budget (Bernstein Shur) (35 minutes)

The complete document can be viewed at <https://legislature.maine.gov/doc/8172>.

- b. 2022 Federal Priorities Memo (staff and Committee recommendations) (5 minutes)
- c. Support for Bridging the Gap for New Americans Act (S. 3157)

Staff ask that the Legislative & Nominating Committee consider signing a digital letter of support for the Bridging the Gap for New Americans Act. This legislation calls upon the United States Department of Labor (DOL) to study the factors that impact the employment opportunities of immigrants and refugees who hold international credentials and to issue recommendations for reform.

VI. Adjournment