

**Legislative & Nominating
Committee Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2022**



MEMBERS
Councilor April Fournier, Chair
Mayor Kate Snyder
Councilor Pious Ali

I. ZOOM INFORMATION:

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II. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Fournier at 8:10 AM

Councilor April Fournier (Chair), Mayor Kate Snyder, Councilor Pious Ali, Representative Sam Zager, Kathy Jones (City Clerk), Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Sheba Brown (Executive Office Manager), Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur) Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur), and Chris Feeney (Bernstein Shur) were in attendance.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. Minutes from the meeting of March 8, 2022

Mayor Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2022 meeting, seconded by Councilor Ali, vote (3-0).

IV. Legislative Update

a. Review: Appropriations Bills (Bernstein Shur)

For more information about these bills, including bill text, please click on the relevant hyperlinks included in the backup materials.

Kate Knox, Alysia Melnick, and Chris Feeney discussed the appropriations bills outlined in the background materials.

b. Review: Letter regarding LD 1945 (An Act To Regulate the Use of Biometric Identifiers)

Chris Feeney asked for direction regarding the draft letter of support for this legislation. It has not been voted out of committee, and has been recommended to pass as amended, or to create a stakeholder group to study the issue further and bring it back to the legislature in a year. The Committee expressed support for a stakeholder group or study as the drafting of the letter goes forward.

c. Review: Legislative Tracker (Bernstein Shur)

Alysia Melnick highlighted LD 1446, An Act to Aid Municipalities in the Issuance of Concealed Handgun Permits. The Committee asked Bernstein Shur to contact the Portland Delegation to alert them of the City's concerns with this legislation.

Chris Feeney highlighted L D 2003 (Speaker's Housing bill) has a work session this week and the Committee submitted testimony in support.

V. Meeting Schedule

a. 2022 Federal Priorities Memo (staff and Committee recommendations)

The Committee discussed the Federal Priorities Memo and will discuss their priorities with the Federal Delegation while in DC and continue to work on scheduling meetings with the Federal Delegation in Maine.

b. Approving a new nominee to the Parks Commission (from interviews held on February 22, 2022) (Katherine L. Jones, City Clerk)

Chair Fournier made a motion to nominate Sherry Musgrave to the Parks Commission, Seconded by Mayor Snyder, vote (3-0).

VI. Adjournment