

**Legislative & Nominating
Committee Minutes**
March 22, 2022



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

I. ZOOM INFORMATION:

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II. Call to Order

Chair April Fournier called the meeting to order at 8:10 AM.

Councilor April Fournier (Chair), Mayor Kate Snyder, Councilor Pious Ali, Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Sheba Brown (Executive Office Manager), Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur), and Chris Feeney (Bernstein Shur) were present.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. Draft Minutes from the 3/15/22 Meeting

Motion was made by Mayor Snyder and seconded by Councilor Ali to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2022 meeting, vote (3-0)

IV. Legislative Update

a. Review of LD 484 (An Act To Change Maine's Tax Laws)

Senator Chipman requested the Committee's support of this legislation, specifically for Bernstein Shur to conduct outreach efforts rather than submitting written testimony. The Committee decided to support having Bernstein Shur discuss the Committee's support with the Appropriations Committee with the caveat that homelessness and resettlement remain the Committee's top priority.

b. Review of Legislative Tracker (Bernstein Shur)

Chris Feeney explained that committee work is winding down, and the legislature is moving toward finalizing bills and taking votes on the floor. A change package was submitted this week for appropriations.

V. Other Business

a. Review 2022 Work Plan

The Committee reviewed the 2022 Work Plan and discussed adjustments based on progress made this quarter. Also highlighted was increased outreach in the Nominating Committee work and filling of positions for boards and commissions, as well as increased interaction with the state delegation and federal representatives. The committee also directed Bernstein Shur staff to generate a "cheat sheet" for legislators so that they can reference the City's policy positions while they vote on the floor.

VI. Adjournment

Motion was made by Mayor Kate Snyder and seconded by Councilor Pious Ali to adjourn the meeting, vote (3-0)