



Legislative Committee Meeting 2-11-2019
Meeting
February 11, 2019

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Meeting minutes

- a. Approval of January 28, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of February 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes

III. Legislative Update

- a. Review of 2019-02-08 Bill Tracker
- b. Review of Committee requests to staff for LD review/support documents

IV. Meeting Schedule

- a. February 11, 2019: 9:00 AM -10:30 AM; Meeting with Delegation
- b. February 25, 2019: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM; Legislative Committee Meeting

V. Public Comment

VI. Adjournment

**CITY OF PORTLAND
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
January 28, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

The January 28, 2019 Meeting was called to order by Chair Pious Ali at 8:05 a.m. in Room 209, Portland City Hall, Portland, Maine

A. Attendance/Introductions:

Councilor Pious Ali, Chair, Councilor Jill Duson, Mayor Ethan Strimling, ; Portland Board of Education Chair Roberto Rodriguez, Portland Board of Education Member Laurie Davis; Alysia Melnick, Esq., Bernstein Shur team/lobbyist; Chris Feeney, Bernstein Shur team; Xavier Boatana, Superintendent PPS; Corporation Counsel Danielle West-Chuhta; Mike Murray(Staff);

B. Approval of Minutes:

1. Motion to approve the January 14, 2019 minutes made by Mayor Strimling; second by Councilor Duson; minutes approved 3-0.
2. Motion to approve the January 15, 2019 minutes made by Mayor Strimling; second by Councilor Duson; minutes approved 3-0.

D. Review of Education/Non funding bills/bill tracker:

LD 19 – Remove
LD 55 – Support
LD 136 – Track
LD 137 – Remove
LD 153 – Track
LD 166 – Track
LD 183 – Remove
LD 237 – More Information required
LD 240 - Oppose
LD 318 – Remove
LD 344 – Remove
LD 345 – Track
LD 385 – More information required
LD 387 – Remove
LD 392 – Support/prepare testimony for public hearing
LD 395 – More Info Required

E. Review of legislative bills bills/bill tracker:

LD 4 – Track outcome; remove
LD 15 - Remove
LD 16 – Track
LD 35 - Track
LD 36 – More Info

LD 46 – Support/general letter from staff
LD 62 - Remove
LD 65 – support/general letter of support
LD 101 – More Info
LD 118 – Remove
LD 119 – Remove
LD 124 - Remove
LD 133 – Remove
LD 136 – Track
LD 137 – Remove
LD 146 – Remove
LD 148 – Remove
LD 156 – Remove
LD 164 – Remove
LD 170 – Remove
LD 172 – Track
LD 178 - Remove
LD 181 – Remove
LD 186 – Oppose & follow
LD 193 - Remove
LD 224 - Remove
LD 239 – Remove
LD 262 – Remove
LD 303 – Remove
LD 308 – Remove
LD 309 – Track
LD 335 – General letter of support
LD 336 – Remove
LD 341 – Remove
LD 342 – Remove
LD 343 – Remove
LD 347 – Remove
LD 353 – More info from Fire Department
LD 358 – Track
LD 359 – Track
LD 372 – Track
LD 385 – More info requested
LD 390 - More info requested

F. Next Meeting Date

February 4, 2019 – Legislative Committee; Room 209; 8-9:30 AM.

February 11, 2019 – Legislative Committee Meeting w/ Delegation; Room 209 9-11 AM

F. Adjournment

Mayor Strimling made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Duson,; vote 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M..

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**CITY OF PORTLAND
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
February 4, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

The February 4, 2019 Meeting was called to order by Chair Pious Ali at 8:05 a.m. in Room 209, Portland City Hall, Portland, Maine

A. Attendance/Introductions:

Councilor Pious Ali, Chair; Councilor Jill Duson; Portland Board of Education Member Laurie Davis; Kate Knox, Esq., Bernstein Shur team/lobbyist; Xavier Boatana, Superintendent PPS; Portland Board of Education Member Emily Figador; Alicia Gardiner, Executive Director of Budget and Finance, PPS; Mike Murray(Staff)

B. Approval of Minutes:

1. Motion by Ali to postpone the approval of the January 28, 2019 minutes; seconded by Duson; 2-0 to postpone.

C. Review of legislative bills bills/bill tracker:

LD 318 – Remove
LD 329 – More info requested from PD
LD 333 – More info requested from PD/Inspections
LD 363 – More Info Requested from DHHS
LD 369 – Monitor
LD 375 – Remove
LD 402 – More info requested from Finance/Corp Counsel
LD 404 – Merge w/ other School Renovation Bond LD's
LD 405 – Track
LD 415 – More info requested with HR/Corp Counsel
LD 419 – Track
LD 425 – Remove
LD 427 – Support; PPS
LD 438 – Track
LD 444 – Monitor
LD 448- More info requested from Finance/Assessor
LD 451 – More info requested from Finance/Assessor
LD 458 – Send to GP Metro
LD 459 – City Manager to Follow up
LD 462 – Monitor; PPS
LD 468 – Monitor; PPS
LD 469 – Monitor; PPS
LD 473 – Remove
LD 478 – More info requested from PD

D. Next Meeting Date

1. February 11, 2019 – Legislative Committee; Room 209; 8:00 AM -9:00 AM.
2. February 11, 2019 – Legislative Committee Meeting w/ Delegation; Room 209; 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
3. February 25, 2019 – Legislative Committee; Room 209; 8:00 AM -10:00 AM

E. Adjournment

Councilor Duson made a Motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Ali,; vote 2-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:17 A.M..



Memorandum

TO: Chair Ali and Members of the Legislative Committee
FROM: Michael Murray, Assistant to the City Manager
CC: Jon Jennings, City Manager
SUBJECT: Staff Updates on LD's
DATE: February 8, 2019

The following is a summary of staff comments on LD's that are under consideration by the Legislative Committee:

LD 36 – “An Act to Change the Composition of the Board of Pesticides Control”. Staff indicates that the bill requires that members of the public who are appointed to the board must have a demonstrated interest in environmental protection. Similar concerns were noted during the development of the Portland ordinance and this bill addresses the concern.

LD 46 – “An Act to Establish a Substance Use Disorder Clinic at the Cumberland County Jail”. A general letter of support was requested and is included in back up material.

LD 65 – “An Act to Allow Municipalities to Impose a Seasonal or Year Round Local Option Sales Tax”. The Committee has requested a general letter of support;

LD 79 - "An Act to Increase the Homestead Property Tax Exemption to \$50,000 for Persons 75 Years of Age and Older". Staff has developed a matrix showing different funding levels for various percentages of the population. For this specific bill, it is estimated that 10% of the population will fall into the age criteria; staff indicates that the bill as written will create an additional \$30,000 cost to the City. Staff also notes that in FY 19, the reimbursement rate from the state will be 62.5%. The matrix is included in back up materials.

LD 101 – “An Act to Reestablish the Pesticide Notification Registry”. This bill re-establishes a registry for that people sign up for to be notified about aerial pesticide applications.

LD 177 – “Resolve, to Improve Access to Bariatric Care”. Staff would like Committee to support LD 177; staff request to support LD; Public Hearing was held on 2019-02-07; a letter of support was submitted.



LD 329 – “An Act to Exempt from Criminal Liability Persons Reporting a Drug-related Medical Emergency”. Chief Malloch indicates Police are supportive of Good Samaritan Laws.

LD 333 – “An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Dangerous Dogs and Nuisance Dogs to Allow for Flexibility in Protection Dog Training”. Police are not supportive of LD 333.

LD 335 – “An Act to Require the State to Distribute 25 Percent of Adult Use Marijuana Retail Sales and Excise Tax Revenue to Generating Municipalities”. The Committee has requested a general letter of support;

LD 353 – “Act to Classify Recovery Residences as One-family Dwellings for the Purposes of the Fire Code”. The Committee has requested staff input on this LD;

LD 363 – “An Act to Protect Residents of Assisted Living Facilities”. DHHS indicates that the City of Portland does not operate any Assisted Living Facilities.

LD 402 – “An Act to Restore Overtime Protections for Maine Workers”. Committee has requested staff input;

LD 415 – “An Act to Enhance the Retired County and Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and Municipal Firefighters Health Insurance Program”. Committee has requested staff input;

LD 448 – An Act Repealing Tax Lien Foreclosure Requirements”. Request for staff input;

LD 451 – “An Act to Repeal the Recently Enacted Changes to the Law Governing Tax Lien Foreclosure”. Request for staff input;

LD 458 – “An Act to Require Motorists to Yield to Transit Buses”. Bill title was sent to Greater Portland Metro per Legislative Committee recommendation.

LD 459 – “An Act to Include Homelessness in the Laws Governing Emergency General Assistance”. City Manager to follow up with Legislative Committee on strategy moving forward.

LD 478 – “An Act to Allow All-terrain Vehicles to Be Used on a Public Way”. PD has concerns about the use of ATV's on some island roadways as well as mainland roadways. Chief Malloch added that there is a local opt out for municipalities that have safety concerns.

FY20 Estimated Parcels Receiving the Homestead 8,810
FY20 Assessment Ratio (i.e. City valuation as % of State Equalized Valuation) 83%
Current Mil Rate per 1000 \$0.02248
Amount of **INCREMENTAL** new Homestead if those over 75 qualify for \$50,000 \$30,000

Reimbursement Ratio from the State of Maine														
	0%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	62.5%	70%	75%	80%	90%	100%	
Percentage of Qualifying Homesteads in Portland	10%	\$493,142	\$443,827	\$394,513	\$345,199	\$295,885	\$246,571	\$197,257	\$184,928	\$147,942	\$123,285	\$98,628	\$49,314	\$0
	20%	\$986,283	\$887,655	\$789,026	\$690,398	\$591,770	\$493,142	\$394,513	\$369,856	\$295,885	\$246,571	\$197,257	\$98,628	\$0
	30%	\$1,479,425	\$1,331,482	\$1,183,540	\$1,035,597	\$887,655	\$739,712	\$591,770	\$554,784	\$443,827	\$369,856	\$295,885	\$147,942	\$0
	40%	\$1,972,566	\$1,775,309	\$1,578,053	\$1,380,796	\$1,183,540	\$986,283	\$789,026	\$739,712	\$591,770	\$493,142	\$394,513	\$197,257	\$0
	50%	\$2,465,708	\$2,219,137	\$1,972,566	\$1,725,995	\$1,479,425	\$1,232,854	\$986,283	\$924,640	\$739,712	\$616,427	\$493,142	\$246,571	\$0
	60%	\$2,958,849	\$2,662,964	\$2,367,079	\$2,071,194	\$1,775,309	\$1,479,425	\$1,183,540	\$1,109,568	\$887,655	\$739,712	\$591,770	\$295,885	\$0
	70%	\$3,451,991	\$3,106,792	\$2,761,592	\$2,416,393	\$2,071,194	\$1,725,995	\$1,380,796	\$1,294,496	\$1,035,597	\$862,998	\$690,398	\$345,199	\$0
	80%	\$3,945,132	\$3,550,619	\$3,156,106	\$2,761,592	\$2,367,079	\$1,972,566	\$1,578,053	\$1,479,425	\$1,183,540	\$986,283	\$789,026	\$394,513	\$0
	90%	\$4,438,274	\$3,994,446	\$3,550,619	\$3,106,792	\$2,662,964	\$2,219,137	\$1,775,309	\$1,664,353	\$1,331,482	\$1,109,568	\$887,655	\$443,827	\$0
	100%	\$4,931,415	\$4,438,274	\$3,945,132	\$3,451,991	\$2,958,849	\$2,465,708	\$1,972,566	\$1,849,281	\$1,479,425	\$1,232,854	\$986,283	\$493,142	\$0

Percentage of Qualifying Homesteads in Portland

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Health & Human Services Department

Dawn Stiles, Director

Public Health Division

Kolawole Bankole, MD, MS, MBA, Director

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express support on behalf of the City of Portland's Public Health Division for LD 46, An Act To Establish a Substance Use Disorder Clinic at the Cumberland County Jail.

The Public Health Division has been partnering with the Cumberland County Jail to provide overdose prevention education and HIV and Hepatitis C testing for over a decade. Throughout this partnership, front line public health staff have seen the effects of the opioid crisis as overdose rates have continued to climb, and Hepatitis C infections among people who inject drugs have increased. In 2018, staff from the Public Health Division provided overdose prevention education for over 200 inmates, and tested 105 inmates for HIV and 84 for Hepatitis C. We recognize the majority of inmates at CCJ meet diagnostic criteria for a substance use disorder, which often has directly impacted the circumstances that lead to their arrest.

People being released from the corrections system are incredibly vulnerable to opioid overdose due to changes in their tolerance. In addition, it is difficult for inmates to communicate with outside service providers to establish treatment upon release, and even for those who do, they may encounter long waitlists, siloed systems of care, and few programs for folks without health insurance. Initiating evidence based medication assisted treatment in the corrections setting will grant inmates the opportunity to stabilize, reducing risks of overdose and relapse and rates of recidivism.

Passing legislation to establish a substance use disorder clinic for inmates puts Maine on the cutting edge of a solution that prioritizes public health, and recognizes that we can't arrest our way out of this problem. The Public Health Division is committed to addressing opioid use disorder in our community through a multidisciplinary approach and we support legislation to provide funding for treatment in the corrections setting.



Dawn Stiles
Director, Health & Human Services Department

Health & Human Services Committee

Senator Gratwick, Chair

Representative Hymanson, Chair

February 7, 2019

LD 177 Resolve, To Improve Access to Bariatric Care

Testimony in Support

Senator Gratwick, Representative Hymanson, distinguished members of the Health & Human Services Committee, The City of Portland respectfully submits testimony in support of LD 177.

The City of Portland operates the state's only municipally owned and operated nursing home; the Barron Center. This facility has a 200 year history of operating as a mission driven organization to provide high quality care to those other facilities cannot serve. This population includes individuals who have complicated medical/behavioral issues, individuals who have been living outdoors and/or in Portland's homeless shelter and those who have compromised resources. We have 219 dually licensed beds including a separate dementia unit.

In recent years many individuals have been referred to us in need of bariatric care. These are very sad situations and each case we review, discuss and try to identify a way to accept the individual into the Barron Center. However, we must assure not only resident safety and quality care but also assure that our clinical staff has the ability and equipment they need to provide the care keeping themselves safe.

Currently, the Department of Health and Human Services does not reimburse or pay for the specialized equipment to properly care for individuals who are too large for standard sized equipment including:

- Construction and equipment cost for a ceiling lift
- Bariatric Bed
- Large Commode
- Specialized Wheelchair
- A double room with no roommate
- Additional staffing necessary to physically maneuver the patient (3 persons to turn the patient).

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We applaud your effort through this Resolve to acknowledge and support the specialized needs of the population who face tragic outcomes without the care to manage their health and emotional needs. We are available to provide additional information should it be requested by the Committee.

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