

**Legislative & Nominating
Committee Meeting Minutes
March 29, 2022**



MEMBERS

Councilor April Fournier, Chair
Mayor Kate Snyder
Councilor Pious Ali

I. ZOOM INFORMATION:

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II. Call to Order

Mayor Kate Snyder called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM

Mayor Kate Snyder (Acting Chair), Councilor Pious Ali, Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Sheba Brown (Executive Office Manager), Chief Keith Gautreau (Portland Fire Department), Chief Sean Donaghue

(Portland Fire Department), Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur), and Chris Feeney (Bernstein Shur) were present. Councilor April Fournier was not present.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. Minutes from March 22, 2022 Meeting

Councilor Ali made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2022 meeting, seconded by Mayor Snyder, Vote (2-0)

IV. Legislative Update

a. Legislative Update (Bernstein Shur)

Kate Knox provided a general update to the Legislative Committee, highlighting that committee work is coming to a close, with committees waiting for amended language and fiscal notes. The Delegation is in session on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Most work in the legislature at this time relates to the budget process for the remaining 3 weeks of session.

b. LD 1988 (An Act To Establish That the Provision of Emergency Medical Services by an Ambulance Service Is an Essential Service and To Establish the Blue Ribbon Commission To Study Emergency Medical Services in the State)

The Committee discussed this legislation with input from Chief Gautreau and Chief Donaghue, which would make Emergency Medical Services (EMS) an essential service in the State of Maine and would investigate training, workforce development, and reimbursement rates for EMS workers.

Mayor Snyder made a motion to offer support for LD 1988, seconded by Councilor Ali, vote (2-0)

V. Other Business

a. Scheduling: Next Meeting with the Portland Delegation

The Committee discussed scheduling a meeting on Monday or Wednesday morning next week, which would reschedule the regular meeting of the Committee.

VI. Adjournment

Councilor Ali made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mayor Snyder, vote (2-0)