

**Legislative & Nominating
Committee Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2022**



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

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I. Call to Order

Chair April Fournier called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM

Councilor April Fournier (Chair), Mayor Kate Snyder, Councilor Pious Ali, Danielle West (Interim City Manager), Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Sheba Brown (Executive Office Manager), Senator Heather Sanborn, Representative Barb Wood, Representative Rachel Talbot Ross, Representative Michael Brennan, Representative Sam Zager, Representative Grayson Lookner, Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), Alysia Melnick, (Bernstein Shur), and Chris Feeney (Bernstein Shur) were present.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. Draft minutes from the meeting of April 19, 2022

Motion was made by Mayor Kate Snyder and seconded by Councilor Pious Ali to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2022 meeting, vote (3-0).

III. Delegation / Committee Discussion

a. Legislative Recap (Bernstein Shur)

Kate Knox discussed LD 910, noting that it did not pass with 90% reimbursement, however language was inserted to do a one-time \$10 million transfer from the liquor fund into general assistance, with Portland potentially receiving approximately \$7.5 million of these one-time funds. Also highlighted was an interest from the State Delegation and Governor's office to discuss long-term plans for the General Assistance program.

b. Supplemental Budget Recap (Portland Delegation)

The Committee and Delegation discussed the recent developments of the State budget, with a focus on General Assistance reimbursement.

c. Engagement Inbetween Sessions

The Committee and Delegation discussed ideas to strengthen their relationship, highlighting a need to meet routinely throughout the year, and to meet for an advance planning session prior to the start of the legislative session.

IV. Other Business

V. Adjournment

Motion was made by Mayor Kate Snyder and seconded by Councilor Pious Ali to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 AM, vote (3-0).