

**Legislative & Nominating
Committee Minutes**
May 24, 2022



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

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I. Call to Order

Chair Fournier called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM

Councilor April Fournier (Chair), Mayor Kate Snyder, Danielle West (Interim City Manager), Dena Libner (Chief of Staff), Sheba Brown (Executive Office Manager), Kathy Jones (City Clerk), Aaron Geyer (Health & Human Services), Caity Hager (Emergency Management Coordinator), Representative Rachel Talbot Ross, Senator Heather Sanborn, Representative Sam Zager, Representative Michael Brennan, Representative Mike Sylvester, Kate Knox (Bernstein Shur), Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur), and Chris Feeney (Bernstein Shur) were present. Councilor Pious Ali was not present.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. Minutes from the May 17, 2022 Meeting (DRAFT)

Mayor Kate Snyder made a motion to Approve the minutes of the May 17, 2022 meeting, seconded by Councilor April Fournier, vote (2-0).

III. Meeting with Portland Delegation

a. FEMA Reimbursements Update (City Staff)

Caity Hager provided an update on FEMA reimbursements related to COVID-19, particularly non-congregate sheltering. Specifically highlighted was a significant delay in receipt of reimbursements from FEMA. The Committee discussed the concerns about the potential funding gap with the expected loss of FEMA reimbursement for non-congregate sheltering.

b. Update on GA Work (City Staff)

Aaron Geyer provided an update on GA work in the City of Portland, and the high numbers of individuals presenting for General Assistance not only in Portland, but other municipalities throughout the state.

c. Proposed Task Force (Kate Snyder, Mayor)

The Committee discussed statewide coordination, but will continue discussions around this matter at the next meeting of the Legislative Committee and Delegation.

IV. Nominating Work (Kathy Jones, City Clerk)

a. September 2022 Boards and Committees Openings

b. Preview of New Board/Committee Platform

V. Other Business

VI. Adjournment

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