



Legislative and Nominating Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2018

City Hall, Room 209

I. Call to order

Chair Ali called to order the Legislative and Nominations Committee meeting at 10:11 a.m. The following persons were present: Councilor and Committee Chair Pious Ali, Councilor and Committee Member Kim Cook, Councilor and Committee Member Jill Duson, Mayor Ethan Strimling, Alysia Melnick (Bernstein Shur), Kate Knox and Isabel Mullin (Bernstein Shur – via phone), and Julie Sullivan (City staff). Carol McCracken, member of the public.

- a) Live streaming of the meeting was on.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Councilor Cook moved approval of the April 2 minutes. Councilor Duson seconded. No amendments were requested. The vote was unanimous in favor of approving the minutes.

III. Update on bills of concern

- a) LD 1884 – Community Protection Order to Prevent High-risk Individuals from Possessing Firearms. Heard last week. Work session Thursday afternoon. Chief Sauschuck's testimony has been submitted.
- b) LD 1873 – Align State-funded Benefits with Federal Eligibility Standards. We do not expect it to be heard.
- c) LD 1889 – Amending Definition of "Likelihood of Serious Harm." May or may not come out of committee.
- d) LD 1783 – Amend Laws Regarding Aggravated Trafficking of Scheduled Drugs. Appears to have a divided report.
- e) LD 1444 – Large-scale Community Solar Procurement. Governor's veto overridden in Senate though not likely in House.
- f) LD 1707 – Reduce Cost of Care Resulting from Blood-borne Infectious Diseases (needle exchange) – made it through for funding.
- g) LD 1833 – Facilitate Compliance with Federal Immigration Law by State and Local Government Entities. Likely to fail in House today.

- h) Other items: County jail funding - \$3M funding unanimous committee approval. Hearing this afternoon for supplemental funding, Medicaid expansion.
- i) Delegation meeting in Augusta tomorrow – may not be well-attended by legislators, perhaps just short conversations.
- j) Discussed coordination of school funding advocacy. Would like school department representative at this Committee's meetings, could be put at the beginning of the agenda.

IV. New bills

- a) HHS state plan amendment to change eligibility requirements for individuals with disabilities living with adult children
- b) Proficiency-based diplomas

V. New business

- a) Expected session to conclude at the end of this month
- b) Live streaming – received live streaming resolve and Council rules.
- c) Harbor Commission – City-appointed member has term limits but other commissioners do not. Requested review of all relevant materials and to address the issue at the next meeting.
- d) Should schedule with delegation to meet June after primaries to debrief this session and plan for next.

VI. Adjournment

At 11:20 a.m., Councilor Duson moved and Councilor Cook seconded a motion to adjourn, and it passed unanimously. The next meeting will be on April 23, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 209.