

City of Hazleton Government Study Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2026

Time 5:00 PM

Location: Hazleton City Hall, Conference Room A

Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 5:03PM by Allison Keegan, Chairwoman.

Roll Call

Allison Keegan, Chairperson -Present

Rossanna Gabriel, Vice Chairperson – Present

Philip Bonafair - Present

Thomas Bruno – Present

Jeffrey Cusat – Present

Joseph Yannuzzi –Present

Joseph Zeller III –Present

PEL Consultant Gerald Cross

Solicitor Sean Logsdon

Recording Secretary Christine Galuska

Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and moment of silence was observed.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of August 19, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion made by Bruno, seconded by Cusat.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Invoices

A motion was made to approve payment of a Standard Speaker invoice in the amount of \$77.90 for the August 26 meeting advertisement. Motion made by Gabriel, seconded by Yannuzzi.

Motion carried.

Courtesy of the Floor (On Agenda Items Only)

None

Old Business

Attorney Logsdon stated that an email was sent to Emily Cook of the Luzerne County Election Bureau regarding amending the date on the ballot question to reflect August 26.

The Commissioners voted 7-0 to adopt the Final Report and Proposed Hazleton Home Rule Charter, as amended on August 26. The motion was made by Bruno and seconded by Yannuzzi. Motion passed unanimously. No Commissioners voted against the motion.

PEL Consultant Gerald Cross congratulated the Commissioners on the adoption of the Proposed Home Rule Charter, offered ongoing guidance and assistance, and advised the Commissioners of their legal obligation to educate the voters regarding the proposed Charter.

The Commissioners discussed educating the public on the Proposed Hazleton Home Rule Charter and how information regarding the charter's provisions would be provided to voters. A Commissioners' meeting was scheduled for September 2 at 4:00pm to further discuss public education and outreach.

New Business

None

Public Comments

None

Member Comments

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 5:31 PM by Yannuzzi, seconded by Bruno. The motion carries.