

City of Hazleton Government Study Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2026

Time 5:00 PM

Location: Hazleton City Hall, Council Chambers

Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 5:03PM by Joseph Zeller III, Secretary.

Roll Call

Allison Keegan, Chairperson -Absent

Rossanna Gabriel, Vice Chairperson – Present (arrived a few minutes late)

Philip Bonafair - Present

Thomas Bruno – Present

Jeffrey Cusat – Present

Joseph Yannuzzi –Present

Joseph Zeller III –Present

PEL Consultants Gerald Cross; Senior Research Fellow; Patty Moorhead, Director of Financial and Data Analytics; Fred Reddig, Consultant

Solicitor Sean Logsdon

Recording Secretary Christine Galuska

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

Approval of Minutes

Approval of July 29, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion made by Yannuzzi, seconded by Bruno.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Invoices

None

Courtesy of the Floor (On Agenda Items Only)

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Solicitor Logsdon reported that the Final Report and the proposed Home Rule Charter were delivered to the Luzerne County Board of Elections and Registration for placement of the Home Rule Charter referendum question on November 3, 2026, General Election ballot.

Solicitor Logsdon, PEL Consultants, along with the Commissioner's reviewed and discussed the public comments received regarding the draft Home Rule Charter as contained in the Final

Report. The Commissioners considered the comments and discussed whether any changes to the draft Home Rule Charter should be made based on the public input.

The next meeting of the Government Study Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers. The Commission will continue its discussion of feedback received from the public and suggested changes to the proposed Home Rule Charter.

An additional meeting is anticipated to be necessary on Wednesday, August 26, 2026 to complete its review and finalize the proposed Home Rule Charter.

Public Comments

None

Member Comments

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:33pm PM by Zeller, seconded by Bruno. The motion carries.

Next Meeting

The Hazleton Government Study Commission Public Hearing meeting will tentatively take place on Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 5:00 PM, on the 2nd floor in Council Chambers.