

City of Hazleton Government Study Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2026

Time 5:00 PM

Location: City Hall, Conference Room A, Hazleton

Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM 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 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 April 22, 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

PEL Consultants Review and Updates

PEL Consultants reviewed with the Commission the updated Draft of Article VII – Ordinances and Resolutions and Article VIII - Budget and Finance incorporating the most recent decisions made by the Commissioners.

New Business

PEL Presentation and Discussion

PEL Consultants led a discussion with the Commission regarding Article VII - Authorities, Boards and Commissions, Article XXI Annual and Special Independent Audits, and Citizen's Petition and Referendum Process. Commissioners engaged in discussion and shared their perspectives. Updated drafts of these articles will be provided for further review.

Public Comments

David Dominguez-David asked whether referendums would only be imposed during municipal elections. He also asked whether the required number is based on the number of votes the Mayor received. In addition, he asked when the last referendum was imposed. His questions were addressed or answered.

Member Comments

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:06 PM by Yannuzzi, seconded by Bruno. The motion carries.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Hazleton Government Study Commission will take place on Wednesday, May 20, at 5:00 PM, on the 2nd floor of Hazleton City Hall.