

City of Hazleton Government Study Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Time 5:00 PM

Location: City Hall, Conference Room A, Hazleton

Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 5:00PM by Allison Keegan, Chairwoman.

Roll Call

Allison Keegan, Chairperson - Present

Rossanna Gabriel, Vice Chairperson-Present

Philip Bonafair - Absent

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 March 18, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion made by Yannuzzi, seconded by Gabriel. 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 II - City Council, and Article III - Mayor, incorporating the most recent decisions made by the Commissioners. The Commission engaged in discussion regarding the drafts, and several additional revisions and clarifications were noted for revision.

New Business

PEL Presentation and Discussion

PEL Consultants led a discussion and requested that the Commission review and discuss Article V-Office of Law and Article VI - Appointed Officials.

Additional Meeting Scheduled

An additional GSC meeting was scheduled for April 22 at 5:00 PM due to the volume of material requiring discussion and review.

Public Comments

David Dominguez-David thanked the members of the GSC for their work. He also questioned what information citizens would most want to know about the charter prior to voting. The above question was addressed.

Dee Deakos-Dee raised a question regarding hiring procedures, specifically asking whether criminal background checks are conducted prior to employment.

Dee also expressed support for the idea of establishing a Managing Director position. The above question was addressed.

Member Comments

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:11 PM by Bruno, seconded by Yannuzzi. The motion carries.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Hazleton Government Study Commission will take place on Wednesday, April 15, at 5:00 PM, on the 2nd floor of Hazleton City Hall.