

City of Hazleton Government Study Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Time 5:00 PM

Location: City Hall, Conference Room A, Hazleton

Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM 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 –Absent

Joseph Zeller III –Absent

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

Associate Attorney Kevin Hanlon

Recording Secretary Christine Galuska

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

Approval of Minutes

Approval of May 6, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion made by Gabriel, seconded by Bruno. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Invoices

Approval was granted for the Standard Speaker invoice in the amount of \$87.60 for the advertising of an additional meeting held on Wednesday, April 22. Motion made by Bruno, seconded by Cusat. Motion passed unanimously.

Courtesy of the Floor (On Agenda Items Only)

None

Old Business

PEL Consultants Review and Updates

PEL Consultants reviewed with the Commission the previously discussed article drafts.

New Business

PEL Presentation and Discussion

PEL Consultants led a discussion with the Commission regarding Citizens Petition and Referendum and Administrative Code. Commissioners engaged in discussion and shared their perspectives. Updated drafts of these articles will be provided for further review.

PEL Consultants Discussion

Ethics Article and public hearing date discussions will continue at the next meeting.

Public Comments

David Dominguez-David stated that he felt registered voters are often afraid to sign petitions when they are being circulated due to possible repercussions. The question was addressed, and it was stated that laws exist prohibiting intimidation related to petition signing.

Member Comments

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:52 PM by Cusat, seconded by Bruno. The motion carries.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Hazleton Government Study Commission will take place on Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 5:00 PM, on the 2nd floor of Hazleton City Hall.