

City of Hazleton Government Study Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026

Time 5:00 PM

Location: City Hall, Conference Room A, Hazleton

Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 5:02PM by Allison Keegan, Chairwoman.

Roll Call

Allison Keegan, Chairperson - Present

Rossanna Gabriel, Vice Chairperson-Present

Philip Bonafair - Present

Thomas Bruno – Present

Jeffrey Cusat - Absent

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 February 4, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion made by Zeller, seconded by Yannuzzi. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Invoices

None

Courtesy of the Floor (On Agenda Items Only)

None.

Old Business

PEL Consultants Review

PEL Consultants reviewed with the Commission the Final Draft of the Council Article, incorporating the latest decisions made by the Commissioners.

New Business

PEL Consultants Presentation and Discussion

PEL Consultants led a discussion on the mayor's section of the Charter to determine whether consensus could be reached on individual items and to identify points that may require follow-up and further deliberation. Commissioners engaged in discussion and shared their perspectives.

Public Comments

David Dominguez-Requested that the charter specify how LERTA would be handled if received. It was clarified that LERTA is a uniform state law and that the Commission does not have the authority to alter or modify uniform state law provisions through the Home Rule Charter process.

Member Comments

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:59 PM by Zeller, seconded by Yannuzzi. The motion carries.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Hazleton Government Study Commission will take place on Wednesday, March 4, at 5:00 PM, on the 2nd floor of Hazleton City Hall.