

City of Hazleton Government Study Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, July 1, 2026

Time 5:00 PM

Location: City Hall, Conference Room A, Hazleton

Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM by Rossanna Gabriel, Vice Chairwoman.

Roll Call

Allison Keegan, Chairperson -Absent

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 June 24, 2026, meeting minutes. Motion made by Bruno, seconded by Cusat.

Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Invoices

Approved payment of an invoice in the amount of \$121.55 for publishing the June 24 additional meeting notice and the July 15 Public Hearing meeting notice in the Standard Speaker. Motion made by Bruno, seconded by Cusat. Motion passed unanimously.

Courtesy of the Floor (On Agenda Items Only)

None

Old Business

Solicitor Sean Logsdon Presentation and Discussion

The Solicitor presented and discussed the proposed edits to the Accountability, Conduct, and Ethics Article.

It was noted that Jonas Crass, a Local Government Policy Specialist with the Governor's Center for Local Government, phoned to listen to the meeting.

The Commissioners reviewed taxpayer protection measures, including tax revenue limitations and the revenue cap.

The Commissioners agreed to use the Preamble presented by the Solicitor for inclusion in the draft charter.

The Commissioners discussed and agreed that an additional meeting prior to the Public Hearing was not necessary.

DCED is determining if we can hire a translation firm under our project budget.

New Business

None

Public Comments

None

Member Comments

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:28 PM by Yannuzzi, seconded by Zeller. The motion carries.

Next Meeting

The Hazleton Government Study Commission Public Hearing meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 6:00 PM, on the 2nd floor of Hazleton City Hall.