

City of Hazleton Government Study Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, June 3, 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 Joseph Zeller III, Secretary.

Roll Call

Allison Keegan, Chairperson – Absent

Rossanna Gabriel, Vice Chairperson-Arrived during the Old Business

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

Attorney Sean Logsdon

Recording Secretary Christine Galuska

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

Approval of Minutes

Approval of May 20, 2026, meeting minutes. Motion made by Bruno, seconded by Bonafair. 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 and discussed with the Commission the Petition for Referendum Article and the Taxpayer Protection Limits for Budget and Finance Article. They also discussed whether the Commission wished to create an Ethics Article or rely on existing State Ethics.

New Business

Solicitor Sean Logsdon Presentation and Discussion

The solicitor led a discussion with the Commission regarding a Contract Article. Commissioners engaged in discussion and shared their perspectives.

PEL Consultants

PEL Consultants discussed the need to create a Transition Article.

Additional Meetings

An additional meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, June 24 at 5:00 PM. A Public Hearing meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15 at 6:00 PM and will be held on the second floor at City Hall.

Public Comments

David Dominguez-David stated that the Public Hearing Meeting is important and encouraged the Commission to inform the public. He emphasized the importance of ethics and thanked the Commissioners.

Dr. Childs- Dr. Childs advised that if an ethics clause is created, there should be an ethics committee, and it should specify no fewer than seven committee members, with no more than three city officials serving on the committee. He also noted that city contracts should not be piecemealed. His comments were addressed.

Member Comments

None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:12 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, June 17, 2026 at 5:00 PM, on the 2nd floor of Hazleton City Hall.