

City of Hazleton Government Study Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Time 4:30 PM

Location: City Hall, Conference Room A, Hazleton

Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by Allison Keegan, Chairwoman.

Roll Call

Allison Keegan, Chairperson - Present

Rossanna Gabriel, Vice Chairperson-Present

Philip Bonafair - Present

Thomas Bruno – Present-arrived at 4:34 PM.

Jeffrey Cusat - Present

Joseph Yannuzzi - Present

Joseph Zeller III – Present

Hazleton City Solicitor Sean Logsdon

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

Recording Secretary Christine Galuska

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

Approval of Minutes

Approval of August 19, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion made by Zeller, seconded by Yannuzzi. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Invoices

There were no invoices presented for approval.

Old Business

The Commission formed three subcommittees. Each consists of two board members and Chairwoman Allison Keegan. Each subcommittee selected three different comparable Home Rule municipalities which they will reach out to using a questionnaire compiled by PEL, aimed at gathering insight to improve or maintain Hazleton's government structure.

PEL will also compile an additional questionnaire for internal administration and former elected officials.

Questionnaires will be distributed to board members at the next meeting

Allison Keegan was appointed as Public Relations Contact on a motion by Cusat, seconded by Bruno. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

The Commission will hold at least two (2) public meetings throughout October and November in different sections of the city.

These meetings will:

- Provide an overview of the Commission's role and process
- Gather public input

Meeting details will be posted on the city's website and published through appropriate channels.

Public Comments

Dave Dominguez asked how many municipalities would be contacted. The Commission confirmed (9) municipalities will be included in the outreach process.

It was also confirmed that the Commission voted to appoint Allison Keegan as Public Relations Contact.

Member Comments

Rossanna Gabriel asked whether a board member may respond to GSC questions from the public. The Commission responded that a board member may answer in their personal capacity, expressing an individual opinion, but may not represent or speak on behalf of the Commission.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 5:36 PM by Cusat, seconded by Zeller. The motion carries.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Government Study Commission will take place on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at 4:30 PM on the 2nd floor of Hazleton City Hall.