

## **City of Hazleton Government Study Commission Meeting Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Time 4:30 PM

Location: City Hall, Conference Room A, Hazleton

### **Call to Order**

This meeting was called to order at 4:33 PM by Allison Keegan, Chairwoman.

### **Roll Call**

Allison Keegan, Chairperson - Present

Rossanna Gabriel, Vice Chairperson-Present

Philip Bonafair - Present

Thomas Bruno – Present

Jeffrey Cusat - Present

Joseph Yannuzzi - Present

Joseph Zeller III – Present

Hazleton City Solicitor Sean Logsdon

Patty Moorhead, Director of Financial and Data Analytics

Recording Secretary Christine Galuska

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

### **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of September 2, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion made by Yannuzzi, seconded by Cusat. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Invoices**

There were no invoices presented for approval.

### **Old Business**

The committee discussed outreach efforts to municipal leaders regarding the administration of a questionnaire designed to support the Commission's work. Contact has been made with several mayors to determine their willingness to participate.

The purpose of the questionnaire is to assist the Commission in fulfilling its responsibilities, include:

- Studying, reviewing, analyzing and evaluating the structure and operations of Hazleton City Government
- Interviewing city officials to identify government strengths and weaknesses
- Studying alternative forms of government

- Assessing whether the current form of government adequately serves the health, safety, and welfare of Hazleton residents
- Determining whether to recommend the adoption of Home Rule Charter to the voters

Questionnaires will be emailed to municipal leaders as a preliminary step before scheduling follow-up meetings. Follow-up meetings will be arranged, with dates, times and preferred methods (in person, virtual, or phone) to be determined based on availability and preferences.

The Government Study Commission will also be reaching out with a questionnaire to internal department heads, the Mayor, City Council members, and former officials.

### **New Business**

None

### **Public Comments**

No public comments were received.

### **Member Comments**

Commissioner Jeff Cusat briefly shared his perspective on the role and responsibilities associated with his position as Mayor.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 5:57 PM by Cusat, seconded by Bruno. The motion carries.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Government Study Commission will take place on Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 6:00 PM, to be held at Southside Fire Station, 525 E. Broad Street, Hazleton. Notice will be posted on the City's website and shared through appropriate public channels.