

To: MMA's Legislative Policy Committee
Fr: Melissa Doane, Chair
Re: Notice and Agenda for the September 26, 2024 LPC Meeting
Date: September 19, 2024

The next meeting of the Legislative Policy Committee is scheduled for:

Thursday, September 26, 2024
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Maine Municipal Association

Zoom Option Available:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84129592684?pwd=bQnYIa5whC8Aa7ZLla8314attM4qv5.1>

With four of the five LPC working groups having held initial meetings, there will be much to discuss next Thursday.

On that note, I want to extend my gratitude to all who volunteered to serve on working groups (see [Attachment 1](#)), and particularly members who graciously accepted assignments to their second choice working groups. Your flexibility has allowed for the creation of groups that are represented by a mix of elected and appointed municipal leaders, members with different levels of experience with the LPC platform development process and communities of varying populations and geographic locations.

In addition to receiving working group updates and responding to requests for information, the policy committee will be asked to provide feedback on standalone legislation that staff have started to draft. Please remember that we are in the preliminary stages of the platform development process, and all legislation will be fully vetted by the entire policy committee before being submitted.

Also, due to the volume of work ahead of us, we have decided to schedule a fourth meeting on Wednesday, November 20. Please make certain to mark your calendars.

While Zoom is an option, I encourage all policy committee members to consider in-person participation during the legislative platform development process. In order to develop a well-rounded platform that addresses the needs of all our communities, it is vital that all voices are heard, which is made easier when we are all in the same room to discuss the issues.

To help staff plan for lunch and printed material, please **let Laura Ellis** (lellis@memun.org) **know before noon on Monday, September 23** if you intend to participate in the meeting via Zoom or at MMA.

As always, I look forward to seeing you on Thursday. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to email or call Kate Dufour at kdufour@memun.org or 207-592-4038.

Thank you.

Agenda

I. Welcome and Introductions (10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)

- Housekeeping
 - Attendance and mileage reimbursement sheet
 - [LPC Bylaw](#) amendments, if any
 - November 20, 2024 meeting

II. Regional Meetings

- Update on Lincoln/Sagadahoc (09/11) & Knox/Waldo (09/12) Meetings
- Upcoming Meetings
 - October 7 @ 6:00 p.m., University of Maine, Presque Ilse
 - October 8 @ 8:00 a.m., Northeastland Hotel, Presque Isle
 - October 10 @ 5:00 p.m., Lewiston Public Library, Lewiston
 - October 16 @ 6:00 p.m., Ellsworth City Chambers
 - October 17 @ 5:00 p.m., UMA, Bangor Campus
 - October 24 @ 6:00 p.m., Somerset County Jail, Madison
 - October 28 @ 5:00 p.m., Maine Municipal Association
 - October 30 @ 6:00 p.m., Katahdin Higher Education Center/EMCC, East Millinocket

III. Agenda Development (10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. with a noon break.)

- LPC Working Group Updates, Discussion & Next Steps
 - [Property Tax Reform](#)
 - [Unfunded Mandates](#)
 - [PFAS](#)
 - [Housing & General Assistance](#)
- Updates & Drafts of Potential Platform Bills (supported on 8/29/2024)
 - Updates
 - 100% Funding for Special Education (*still in process*)
 - Tax Lien Foreclosure Law (*still in process*)
 - Tree Growth Reform, Transparency & Reimbursement (*still in process*)
 - [Local Option Sales Tax](#)

- Feedback on Bill Drafts
 - Authorize TIF Use for All Municipal Buildings (*still in process*)
 - [Increased Homestead Exemption Reimbursement](#)
 - [Limit Veterans' Excise Tax Exemption](#)
- Last Call
 - Other Platform Bills

IV. Adjourn