

Legislative Subcommittee's Procedures for Submission of Testimony

The City Council authorizes the Legislative Subcommittee, or their designees, to take positions on legislation they believe to be in the best interest of the City based on Legislative Principles adopted by the Council, as amended from time to time.

Testimony on behalf of the Legislative Subcommittee may be presented by the Mayor, Members of the Legislative Subcommittee, or their designees, which may include Members of the City Council and City Staff.

City Staff, who are members of State Associations and Professional Boards, may submit testimony on behalf of their Associations or Boards. The testimony will state that it is being submitted on behalf the Association or Board, not the City of Portsmouth. All such testimony will be reviewed by the City Manager before submission.

The City is a member of Coalitions with other communities that may submit testimony on legislative issues. (Examples of these types of Coalitions include, but are not limited to, New Hampshire Water Works Association, Education Coalition Communities 2.0 ("ECC2") and the Municipal Alliance for Adaptive Management). The City may submit or join in testimony on behalf of these Coalitions, provided the testimony is consistent with the City's Legislative Principles.

There will be rare occasions when it is the City's best interest to testify on legislative issues that fall outside the scope of the Council's Legislative Principles before a meeting of the Legislative Subcommittee or Council Meeting can be convened. Under these circumstances, the Mayor is authorized to provide testimony on behalf of the City.