LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION
COMMISSION AGENDA

Wednesday **November 18, 2026**	**9:00 A.M.**	**515 Irvis Office Building/** **Zoom Livestream**

MEMBERS

Senator Scott E. Hutchinson, Chairman
Senator Cris Dush
Senator Dawn Keefer
Senator Timothy P. Kearney
Senator Patty Kim
Representative Robert Freeman
Representative Christina D. Sappey
Representative Ismail Smith-Wade-El
Representative R. Lee James
Representative Brett R. Miller

STAFF

Kristopher J. Gazsi, Executive Director
Julia E. Frey, Assistant Director
Martin A. Toth, Legal Counsel
Rex Burman, Research Analyst
Jessica Silcox, Office Manager

AGENDA

1. **The meeting is called to order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Approval of the minutes of the October 21, 2026, meeting**
4. **Approval of the financial reports for October 2026**
5. **Review of PML and PSATS Resolutions**
6. **Status of LGC Legislation**
7. **Review and Approval of LGC Closing Dates for 2027**
8. **Other business**
9. **Adjournment**
10. **Next Meeting: January 27, 2027, 9:00 A.M., 515 Irvis Office Building**

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Pennsylvania Local Government Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2026

In-person and livestream business meeting of the Local Government Commission.

A meeting of the Local Government Commission (Commission) was called to order by Senator Scott Hutchinson at 9:03 a.m. in Room 515 Irvis Office Building with the following Commission Members, staff and guests participating in-person and remotely:

MEMBERS

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GUESTS

Justin Leventry, Senator Hutchinson's Office
Isaac Evans, Senator Hutchinson's Office
Douglas Wann, Senator Keefer's Office
Joshua Walker, Senator Keefer's Office
Ryan Carpenter, Representative Freeman's Office
Teresa Leitner, Representative James' Office
Emma Henry, House Local Government Committee (R)
Kyle Schaeffer, House Local Government Committee (R)
Kaitlin Errickson, Pennsylvania Municipal League
Amy Sturges, Pennsylvania Municipal League
Logan Stover, Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs
Ron Grutza, Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs
Dawn Blauch, Pennsylvania State Association of Elected County Officials
Matthew Buck, Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association

Larry Garrity, Pennsylvania Fraternal Order of Police
Bob McCarron, Pennsylvania Fraternal Order of Police
Jan Murphy, Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association
Ron Zeigler, State Capitol Minister
Paul Davis

Jessica Silcox made a statement that the in-person and virtual meeting was being conducted with both Member and Commission staff participation. On September 28, 2026, notice of the meeting was posted on the committee meeting pages of the Senate of Pennsylvania and the House of Representatives through the Legislative Data Processing Center. The meeting agenda was posted on the Commission's website, www.lgc.state.pa.us, on Friday, October 16, 2026, and outside of the Commission's office located at 506 Irvis Office Building. Any questions on agenda items for consideration by the Commission were addressed during the meeting. The recording of the Commission's business meeting may be found on YouTube.com

1. **Minutes of September 23, 2026, Business Meeting:** The members reviewed the minutes of the September 23, 2026, meeting with no comments or discussion.

Motion: A motion was made by Senator Dush to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Representative James and unanimously approved.

2. **Approval of the Financial Reports for September 2026:**

Motion: A motion was made by Representative James to approve the September financial reports. The motion was seconded by Representative Freeman and unanimously approved.

3. **Review of Boroughs Association Resolutions:**

Each year, the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) adopts resolutions that are submitted by individual boroughs or the County Boroughs Association and publishes these resolutions on their website. The Local Government Commission staff reviewed these adopted resolutions to bring forth to the Commission to determine which PSAB 2026 Resolutions may be potential candidates for the Local Government Commission's legislative package. A list of resolutions was presented to the Commission. Mr. Gazsi highlighted the following PSAB resolutions:

Resolution 2026-01 – That PSAB seek legislation which amends Title 45 to authorize municipalities located within Counties of the Second Class the option to electronically publish legal notices on their own websites or authorized website designated for the purpose of communicating legal notices, provided that such municipalities maintain websites and also publish such legal notices by posting at their municipal buildings and make such legal notices available for review and duplication, upon request. Mr. Gazsi noted that another proposal for electronic public notice has been introduced by Representative Freeman in partnership with the Pennsylvania News Media Association.

Resolution 2026-9 – That PSAB support legislation requiring any facility, including but not limited to data centers, that requires electrical grid or related infrastructure upgrades to meet its operational demands must bear the full financial responsibility. Mr. Gazsi is not recommending this as a Commission bill; however staff will continue to monitor data center issues.

Resolution 2026-012 – That PSAB supports legislation the considers the adoption of a three-class electric bicycle classification system and that any legislation relating to electric bicycles should consider appropriate safety measures and clear labeling standards to ensure the safe integrations of electric bicycles on Pennsylvania roadways. Mr. Gazsi said staff will continue to research the e-bike issues to see if it would be appropriate for Commission legislation. Senator Kearney mentioned that he is working on e-scooter legislation and requested updates on the Commission staff's research.

Resolution 2026-018 – That PSAB supports legislation to amend the Pennsylvania State Highway Law to mandate that PENNDOT maintains all stormwater infrastructure servicing state roads in borough communities. Mr. Gazsi noted that this proposal has been sponsored by Senator Hutchinson as Senate Bill 359 and House Bill 1204 sponsored by Representative Zimmerman.

Resolution 2026-020 – That PSAB review, endorse, and advocate for the enactment of the Community Choice Aggregation Act.

Resolution 2025-04 – That PSAB fully support legislation to protect historical monuments or statues and allows municipalities to impose fines on anyone who vandalizes, destroys, or dismantles a historical monument or statue. There are Title 18 provisions that relate to this resolution; however, Commission staff will research this issue to determine if legislation may be useful to allow local authorities to recover cost for repairing damaged monuments and statues.

Resolution 2023-014 – That PSAB urge the Pa. State Legislature to increase funding for police, fire, and EMS services and to amend municipal and county codes to allow for county-wide solutions and economies-of-scale. The Commission staff will reach out to the Boroughs to discuss ideas on amending municipal and county codes to allow for county-wide solutions and economies-of-scale. There is the EMS Authority Bill sponsored by Senators Baker and Kearney; however Commission staff wants to do more research to understand other proposals that would be appropriate for Commission legislation.

Senator Kearney applauded the Commission for looking into these resolutions. Senator Kearney looks forward to working with members and staff on these issues.

Representative James expressed thanks to the Commission staff for adding these PSAB resolutions to the agenda. Representative James thanked Mr. Gazsi for looking into the historic preservation issue and is very interested in what can be done about furthering historic preservation.

Representative Freeman concurred with Representative James on the historic preservation issue and that local government should do more to improve historic preservation.

Senator Hutchinson thanked the members, PSAB and Mr. Gazsi for their ideas to consider for legislation.

4. Survey of Financial Condition Due Date Proposal:

The Municipalities Financial Recovery Act requires municipalities to file an annual Survey of Financial Condition with the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to qualify for Liquid Fuels Tax allocations. The Commission previously considered a proposal at the June 2026 meeting that would amend the Act to reflect January 31 as the annual deadline for this filing. At the June Commission meeting, the members requested that the Commission staff research other due dates for annual municipal reports to put the proposal in the context of other compliance responsibilities.

Mr. Gazsi presented a chart prepared by DCED summarizing the various year end reports that municipalities must submit. The Members discussed the advisability of moving other due dates to January 31, and Commission staff will collect additional feedback prior to reconsidering this proposal in the next legislative term.

5. 2026 Local Government Symposium Report:

The 2026 Local Government Symposium was held on Thursday, September 24, 2026. The symposium was uploaded to the Local Government Commission's YouTube channel. Attendees heard from legislators, researchers, policy makers, and practitioners on issues facing local government and how local government can work towards increasing its effectiveness and efficiency in Pennsylvania. Symposium topics included Stormwater Management, Professional Municipal Management, Data Center Planning and Short-Term Rentals.

Ms. Frey, LGC Assistant Director, provided a report on Symposium attendees by the numbers to the Commission members. Ms. Frey reported that there were 298 registrants and provided a breakdown of attendees that included 13 legislators. Participants were logged in on average for 2.5 hours with some logged in all day. Ms. Frey reported that the symposium received a 4.5 rating on a 1-5 scale. Overall, the commentary received was positive and another comment that this was the best symposium of the series. Planning and ideas are underway for next year. If there are any topics of interest, bring them to Ms. Frey for consideration.

Senator Hutchinson expressed that the symposium was very successful and appreciated all the work done behind the scenes for the symposium. Senator Hutchinson thanked the Commission staff and members for all their hard work and participation.

Mr. Gazsi also expressed satisfaction with the attendance, reception and feedback.

6. **Other Business:**

Mr. Gazsi reminded the Commission members that they have been invited to the Pennsylvania State Association of Elected Officials (PSAECO) annual luncheon on Tuesday, November 17, 2026. The program will start at 10:00 a.m. followed by a luncheon at 12 p.m.

Mr. Gazsi provided an update on the Commission's plans to participate in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Science and Technology Policy Fellowship (COPA-STEP), which is a one-year program placing Penn State-affiliated fellows in Pennsylvania policymaking offices to bridge science, technology, and policy work. COPA-STEP is part of Penn State's Law, Policy, and Engineering initiative that serves as its applied branch and was created to strengthen the relationship between Pennsylvania's scientific community and policymakers, providing evidence-based perspectives on science, technology and policy issues to improve livelihoods, sustainability, and economic growth.

Research Post Doctorate Fellow, Ben Ahlswede, was selected by COPA-STEP and was invited to join the Commission staff starting Monday, November 9, 2026. Mr. Ahlswede holds a Ph.D., has a science background and is a professor. Mr. Ahlswede will focus on geographic information systems and policy making to assist with civic boundaries challenges that were previously explored in the Commission's 2023 Drawing Lines report.

7. **Next Meeting:** November 18, 2026, 9:00 A.M., 515 Irvis Office Building

8. **Adjournment:** Senator Hutchinson adjourned the meeting at 9:42 a.m. A motion was made by Representative Freeman to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Senator Dush and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Attested: _____

Kristopher J. Gazsi, Esq.
Executive Director

Prepared by Jessica Silcox

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MONTH OF OCTOBER 2026
GENERAL ACCOUNT

APPROPRIATION: 30118

Fiscal Year		Balance as of 07/01/2026	Balance as of 10/01/2026	Current Month Change	Year-to-Date Change	Balance as of 10/31/2026
2023-24	FY Beginning Balance	$327,528.85				
	Monthly Beginning Balance		$20,190.66			
	Monthly Expenses			$0.00		
	Monthly Refunds or Transfers			$0.00		
	Net Change			$0.00	($307,338.19)	
	Year-to-Date Balance					$20,190.66
2024-25	FY Beginning Balance	$1,228,534.65				
	Monthly Beginning Balance		$1,228,534.65			
	Monthly Expenses			$0.00		
	Monthly Refunds or Transfers			$0.00		
	Net Change			$0.00	$0.00	
	Year-to-Date Balance					$1,228,534.65
2025-26	FY Beginning Balance	$893,862.17				
	Monthly Beginning Balance		$1,138,704.74			
	Monthly Expenses			($1,228.12)		
	Monthly Refunds or Transfers			$0.00		
	Net Change			($1,228.12)	$243,614.45	
	Year-to-Date Balance					$1,137,476.62
2026-27	FY Beginning Balance	$0.00				
	Monthly Beginning Balance		$814,726.61			
	Monthly Expenses			($70,633.24)		
	Monthly Refunds or Transfers			$0.00		
	Net Change			($70,633.24)	$744,093.37	
	Year-to-Date Balance					$744,093.37
Total Available		$2,449,925.67				$3,130,295.30
Three Month Reserve		(268,500.00)				(268,500.00)
Leave Liability as of October 31, 2026		(88,737.42)				(88,737.42)
Total Available Less Reserve and Leave Liability		$2,092,688.25				$2,773,057.88

EXPENDITURES: 30118

Monthly Expenses

July	$99,854.43	Oct.	$71,861.36	Jan.	Apr.
Aug.	$115,337.82	Nov.		Feb.	May
Sept	$315,576.76	Dec.		Mar.	June

Itemized Expenses

	Total for Month	Total to Date
Salaries	$25,388.40	$224,235.04
Federal Withholding Tax	$2,908.66	$49,757.66
State Income Tax	$1,105.54	$12,178.96
Keystone - Local Wage Tax	$645.14	$6,840.23
Employee Social Security & Medicare	$2,757.98	$29,465.71
Employee Senate Benefits	$363.76	$2,004.49
Employee Retirement	$0.00	$29.74
Deferred Compensation	$192.50	$52,451.76
Local Service Tax	$65.00	$351.00
Employee Unemployment Compensation	$25.52	$274.91
State Social Security & Medicare	$2,757.98	$29,465.71
Highmark Blue Shield	$10,722.28	$57,649.08
Senate Benefits	$5,581.80	$30,070.63
SWIF	$0.00	$164.07
Conferences	$0.00	$1,030.00
Miscellaneous	$6,833.46	$11,477.97
Employer Annuitant Benefits	$0.00	$14,661.51
Symposium	$194.50	$1,339.70
Retirement - EmployEE Defined Benefits	$2,344.28	$12,816.42
Retirement - EmployEE Defined Contribution	$578.24	$1,821.67
Retirement - EmployER Defined Benefits	$8,996.00	$63,282.99
Retirement - EmployER Defined Contributions	$400.32	$1,261.12
Total	$71,861.36	$602,630.37

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
MONTH OF OCTOBER 2026
CODE ACCOUNT

APPROPRIATION: 30121

Fiscal Year		Balance as of 07/01/2026	Balance as of 10/01/2026	Current Month Change	Year-to-Date Change	Balance as of 10/31/2026
2017-18	FY Beginning Balance	$80,044.00				
	Monthly Beginning Balance		$80,044.00			
	Monthly Expenses			$0.00		
	Monthly Refunds or Transfers			$0.00		
	Net Change			$0.00	$0.00	
	Year-to-Date Balance					$80,044.00
2018-19	FY Beginning Balance	$23,065.40				
	Monthly Beginning Balance		$23,065.40			
	Monthly Expenses			$0.00		
	Monthly Refunds or Transfers			$0.00		
	Net Change			$0.00	$0.00	
	Year-to-Date Balance					$23,065.40
2019-20	FY Beginning Balance	$24,063.00				
	Monthly Beginning Balance		$24,063.00			
	Monthly Expenses			$0.00		
	Monthly Refunds or Transfers			$0.00		
	Net Change			$0.00	$0.00	
	Year-to-Date Balance					$24,063.00
2020-21	FY Beginning Balance	$24,000.00				
	Monthly Beginning Balance		$24,000.00			
	Monthly Expenses			$0.00		
	Monthly Refunds or Transfers			$0.00		
	Net Change			$0.00	$0.00	
	Year-to-Date Balance					$24,000.00
2021-22	FY Beginning Balance	$23,845.20				
	Monthly Beginning Balance		$23,845.20			
	Monthly Expenses			$0.00		
	Monthly Refunds or Transfers			$0.00		
	Net Change			$0.00	$0.00	
	Year-to-Date Balance					$23,845.20
2022-23	FY Beginning Balance	$20,401.25				
	Monthly Beginning Balance		$20,401.25			
	Monthly Expenses			$0.00		
	Monthly Refunds or Transfers			$0.00		
	Net Change			$0.00	$0.00	
	Year-to-Date Balance					$20,401.25
2023-24	FY Beginning Balance	$20,273.95				
	Monthly Beginning Balance		$20,273.95			
	Monthly Expenses			$0.00		
	Monthly Refunds or Transfers			$0.00		
	Net Change			$0.00	$0.00	
	Year-to-Date Balance					$20,273.95
2024-25	FY Beginning Balance	$19,265.80				
	Monthly Beginning Balance		$19,265.80			
	Monthly Expenses			$0.00		
	Monthly Refunds or Transfers			$0.00		
	Net Change			$0.00	$0.00	
	Year-to-Date Balance					$19,265.80
2025-26	FY Beginning Balance	$24,000.00				
	Monthly Beginning Balance		$24,000.00			
	Monthly Expenses			$0.00		
	Monthly Refunds or Transfers			$0.00		
	Net Change			$0.00	$0.00	
	Year-to-Date Balance					$24,000.00
2026-27	FY Beginning Balance	$0.00				
	Monthly Beginning Balance		$24,021.80			
	Monthly Expenses			$0.00		

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Monthly Refunds or Transfers		$0.00		
Net Change		$0.00	$24,021.80	
Year-to-Date Balance				$24,021.80
Total Available	$258,958.60			$282,980.40

EXPENDITURES: 30121

Monthly Expenses

July	Oct.	Jan.	Apr.
Aug.	Nov.	Feb.	May
Sept	Dec.	Mar.	June

Itemized Expenses

	Total for Month	Total to Date
	$0.00	$0.00
Total	$0.00	$0.00

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION
CHECKS WRITTEN IN OCTOBER

10/1/2026		
VT#04500000057978		
Dept of General Services	12.09	TORTS Preimium
PA Department of General Services	150.69	ELSIP Premium
10/1/2026		
VT#04500000057982		
Business Communications, Inc.	4,330.21	Technology Equip.
10/2/2026		
VT#20264501007		
Dental care insurance	262.29	
Social security deductions	1,117.61	
Federal income tax deductions	1,454.33	
Group life insurance	53.44	
Harrisburg wage tax deductions	322.57	
Local Services Tax	32.50	
Wages	12,694.20	
Social Security	1,117.61	
Employee Contributions deduction	181.88	
Vision care insurance	38.58	
State tax deductions	552.77	
Hospitalization insurance	5,361.14	
Prescription drug insurance	2,419.20	
Medicare insurance	261.38	
Group life insurance, additional	15.91	
Medicare deductions	261.38	
UC deductions	12.76	
10/5/2026		
VT#04500000058026		
State Employees' Retirement System	4,498.00	
State Employees' Retirement System	1,172.14	
10/5/2026		
VT#04500000058027		
Deferred Comp deductions	96.25	
Retirement - EmployER Defined Contributions	200.16	
Retirement - EmployEE Defined Contribution	289.12	
10/5/2026		
VT#04500000058052		
Local Services Tax	286.00	Local Service Tax 3Q
10/5/2026		
VT#04500000058065		
Harrisburg wage tax deductions	6,195.09	Earned Inc. Tax 3Q
10/6/2026		
VT#04500000058084		
Toth, Martin A	194.50	Symposium CLE Credi
10/13/2026		
VT#04500000058179		
PA Unemployment Compensation - LGC	249.39	Unemploy. Comp. 3Q

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION
CHECKS WRITTEN IN OCTOBER

10/16/2026		
VT#20264501008		
Dental care insurance	262.29	
Social security deductions	1,117.61	
Long-term disability insurance	56.40	
Federal income tax deductions	1,454.33	
Local Services Tax	32.50	
Harrisburg wage tax deductions	322.57	
Medicare insurance	261.38	
Social Security	1,117.61	
Medicare deductions	261.38	
Vision care insurance	38.58	
UC deductions	12.76	
Hospitalization insurance	5,361.14	
Employee Contributions deduction	181.88	
Prescription drug insurance	2,419.20	
Group life insurance, additional	15.91	
Wages	12,694.20	
State tax deductions	552.77	
10/19/2026		
VT#04500000058213		
Thomson Reuters - West	1,228.12	West Law
Dell Marketing L.P.	990.00	Technology Equip.
10/22/2026		
VT#04500000058395		
State Employees' Retirement System	4,498.00	
State Employees' Retirement System	1,172.14	
10/22/2026		
VT#04500000058396		
Deferred Comp deductions	96.25	
Retirement - EmployER Defined Contributions	200.16	
Retirement - EmployEE Defined Contribution	289.12	
10/23/2026		
VT#04500000058416		
Gazsi, Kristopher J.	63.40	Office Supplies
Gazsi, Kristopher J.	58.95	Technology Equip.

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Pennsylvania Municipal League

2026 Resolutions

Resolution 1
2023 Policy Review

Resolution 2
Adoption of National League of Cities' 2026 Municipal Policy and 2026 Federal Action Agenda

Resolution 3
Ensuring the Safety of Locally Elected Officials

Resolution 4
Certificate of Nomination for Incumbent Locally Elected Officials

Resolution 5
Right to Know Requests Related to Pending Litigation

Resolution 6
Prohibition of Glock Switches

Resolution 7
Expanding the Definition of Earned Income Tax

Resolution 8
Updating The Prevailing Wage Exemption

Resolution 9
Statewide Standards for Kratom

Resolution #1-2026

Submitted by: The League's Legislative Committee

Policy Review – 2022 Resolutions

Whereas, The League adopted a policy review process in 2016; and

Whereas, that process establishes a review of adopted policy after four years; and

Whereas, the policy adopted via the 2022 Resolutions is up for review and has resulted in the following policy recommendations to the membership:

- Permanent Funding for Whole Home Repairs Program – Reaffirm
- Recognizing the Affordable Housing Crisis in Pennsylvania – Reaffirm
- Reaffirming The League's Policy on Reforming the Local Taxing Structure – Reaffirm
- Signatures and Filing Fees for Nomination Petitions in Third Class Cities – Reaffirm
- Local Share of Recreational Marijuana Tax – Reaffirm
- Limitations on Liability Under Pennsylvania's Sovereign and Governmental Immunity Law – Reaffirm
- Consumer Fireworks Data – Reaffirm
- Opposing a Gas Tax Holiday – Reaffirm
- Municipal Police Recruitment, Retention and Funding – Reaffirm
- Public Safety Authorities – Reaffirm

Therefore, be it resolved: The League's Policy Statement will be updated accordingly.

This resolution follows the policy review process adopted in 2016 to review adopted policies after four years. The 2022 policies are under review this year.

Resolution #2-2026

Submitted by: The League's Legislative Committee

NLC's 2026 National Municipal Policy Statement and Federal Action Agenda

Whereas, Pennsylvania's municipalities are concerned with a wide range of issues at the federal level; and

Whereas, when appropriate, The League sets forth these issues in correspondence with the members of the Pennsylvania congressional delegation; and

Whereas, federal devolution has pushed the responsibilities for funding and administration of many programs onto states and localities; and

Whereas, federal devolution and the federal budget process continue to result in fewer dollars available for municipal programs; and

Whereas, municipalities cannot continue to meet the growing fiscal and societal demands for services and programs without their federal partner; and

Whereas, The League, as a State Municipal League member of the National League of Cities (NLC), takes its lead on federal issues from NLC; and

Whereas, NLC in its *2026 Federal Action Agenda* is asking Congress and the Administration to work in partnership with local governments to maximize support for programs vital to municipalities across the nation.

Therefore, be it resolved: The League reaffirms as its basic federal policy the *2026 Federal Action Agenda* of the National League of Cities.

Be it further resolved: The League reaffirms as its 2026 federal agenda, NLC's *2026 Federal Action Agenda*:

- Simplify federal requirements for communities;
- Improve housing attainability;
- Promote public safety;
- Strengthen infrastructure investment;
- Build future-focused communities;
- Build community resilience and support local economies; and
- Reduce legal and financial burdens on local governments

This resolution adopts NLC's 2026 National Municipal Policy Statement, as well as its 2026 Federal Action Agenda.

Resolution #3-2026

Submitted by: The City of Hazleton

Ensuring the Safety of Locally Elected Officials

Whereas, physical and written threats have become more and more commonplace, endangering locally elected officials; and

Whereas, these incidents make officials feel unsafe and wary of fully carrying out their job by constraining how they interreact with their constituents; and

Whereas, increased threats of political violence on local leaders may lead to fewer qualified candidates running for office or it may keep voters from showing up to the polls; and

Whereas, threats against our locally elected officials not only impact individuals, but it interferes with the free and fair functioning of our local democracies; and

Whereas, we must ensure the safety of our locally elected officials by establishing penalties; and

Whereas, currently, locally elected officials are not included in the extensive list of officers, agents, and employees covered in Title 18 under section 2702 aggravated assault and section 2719 endangerment of a public safety officer..

Therefore, be it resolved: The League supports amending the definition in PA Title 18 Pa. CSA § 2702(c) to include local elected officials consisting of the mayor and councilmembers in cities, boroughs and incorporated towns; the board of commissioners in townships of the first class; the board of supervisors in townships of the second class; the board of commissioners in counties of the second class through eighth class or as may be designated in the law providing for the form of government.

This resolution supports amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) to include locally elected officials in the section 2702(c) definition to be protected from aggravated assaults and endangerment of a public safety officer.

Resolution #4-2026

Submitted by: The City of Hazleton

Certificate of Nomination for Incumbent Locally Elected Officials

Whereas, a person, whether an incumbent or new candidate, wishing to run for local office must collect signatures and file a nomination petition under current law; and

Whereas, collecting signatures to declare one's candidacy can expose an incumbent to hostile or retaliatory constituents, putting their safety at risk; and

Whereas, locally elected officials should focus on greater issues impacting their community instead of trying to collect signatures; and

Whereas, a process should exist to allow incumbent locally elected officials to declare their candidacy without the requirement to collect signatures; and

Whereas, such a process exists for Pennsylvania's incumbent magisterial judges, who may file a certificate of nomination to appear on the primary ballot as established by Act 127 of 2018; and

Whereas, the General Assembly is currently considering legislation, House Bill 1898, to allow incumbent Representatives and Senators to file a certificate of nomination.

Therefore, be it resolved: The League supports allowing incumbent locally elected officials in all classes of municipalities to file a certificate of nomination to declare their candidacy instead of a nomination petition.

This resolution supports changing the declaration of candidacy for incumbent locally elected officials from a nominating petition to a certificate of nomination.

Resolution #5-2026

Submitted by: The City of Hazleton

Right to Know Requests Related to Pending Litigation

Whereas, the Right to Know Law was implemented in 2008 to foster greater access to public records and to develop standards for the sharing of public information; and

Whereas, however, there are some cases when a record should not be deemed public because of its relation to pending litigation, a court order, or attorney-client privilege; and

Whereas, sometimes litigants make Right to Know requests from municipalities to obtain documents and information to aid in their pending litigation or legal action; and

Whereas, the proper way to request documents related to pending litigation is through the discovery process; and

Whereas, the Right to Know Law should be updated to expressly prevent litigants from using the public record law to circumvent the discovery rules of a court proceeding.

Therefore, be it resolved: The League supports amending the Right to Know Law to clearly allow a municipality to deny a request for documents for related and pending litigation.

This resolution supports amending the Right to Know to clearly state a municipality may deny a request related to pending litigation.

Resolution #6-2026

Submitted by: The League's Legislative Committee

Prohibition of Glock Switches

Whereas, devices that turn regular handguns into automatic firing weapons, also known as Glock switches, allow dozens of rounds of ammunition to be fired in under one second; and

Whereas, these machine gun conversion devices are illegal under federal law enforced by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tabacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), placing sole prosecuting authority with federal law enforcement; and

Whereas, despite this, Glock switches are inexpensive or can be 3D printed, making them easy to get; and

Whereas, the inadequate enforcement by the ATF and absence of a state law has allowed Glock switches to become more commonplace in the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, it is necessary to have state and/or local law to protect all Pennsylvanians from these deadly machine gun conversion devices; and

Whereas, the General Assembly failed to advance House Bill 1866 last year to implement a statewide ban of Glock switches and other machine gun conversion devices; and

Whereas, both the Cities of Philadelphia (2024) and York (2025) have passed legislation banning Glock switches within their jurisdictions.

Therefore, be it resolved: The League supports the statewide prohibition of Glock switches.

Be it further resolved: The League also supports local government autonomy to regulate Glock switches in their communities if the state chooses not to pass a statewide ban.

This resolution supports a statewide ban on Glock switches, and if the state fails to act, it supports local government autonomy to regulate Glock switches.

Resolution #7-2026

Submitted by: Ferguson Township

Expanding the Definition of Earned Income Tax

Whereas, municipalities may levy an Earned Income Tax (EIT), which is capped at 1% and is required to be shared with a municipality's respective school district; and

Whereas, The League's current policy position on the EIT calls for municipalities to receive the full 1% by eliminating the requirement to share the revenue; and

Whereas, there are two different definitions for EIT taxable income at the local and state level; and

Whereas, the state definition includes eight classes of income – compensation, interest, dividends, net profits from the operation of a business, profession or farm, net gains or income from the dispositions of property, net gains or income from rents, royalties, patents and copyrights, income derived through estates or trusts, and gambling and lottery winnings, including cash prizes from the Pennsylvania Lottery; and

Whereas, The EIT at the local level is limited to wages, salaries, commissions, net profits, or other compensation; and

Whereas, while The League reaffirms its current EIT policy, it would be beneficial to expand revenue options further.

Therefore, be it resolved: The League updates its EIT policy to include a switch to the expanded state definition.

This resolution reaffirms the existing League policy on EIT and expands upon it by calling for an update to the definition of taxable income.

Resolution #8-2026

Submitted by: The League's Legislative Committee

Updating the Prevailing Wage Exemption Amount

Whereas, the prevailing wage exemption has been $25,000 since 1963; and

Whereas, the threshold project cost of $25,000 set in the 1960s does not reflect the cost of public projects in 2026; and

Whereas, our current policy calling for an increase to $185,000, set in 2013, needs to be updated to reflect today's inflationary costs; and

Whereas, the prevailing wage exemption for the year 2026 would be well above $250,000 if escalated by the consumer price index; and

Whereas, House Bill 160 would increase the prevailing wage exemption to $257,000, while also incorporating a yearly escalator clause; and

Whereas, the prevailing wage requirement continues to be one of the most burdensome unfunded mandates for municipalities.

Therefore, be it resolved: The League supports legislation providing for an increase in the prevailing wage exemption from $25,000 to $257,000 and incorporating an escalator to ensure an appropriate exemption in future years.

This resolution supports updating our current prevailing wage policy to increase the exemption amount to $257,000 to meet modern costs while also incorporating an annual escalator.

Resolution #9-2026

Submitted by: The League's Legislative Committee

Statewide Standards for Kratom

Whereas, kratom is derived from a tree native to Southeast Asia that can provide a stimulant effect in low doses or a sedative effect in high doses; and

Whereas, kratom supplements sold as energy boosters, mood lifters, pain relievers, and remedies for opioid withdrawals have become commonplace in gas stations, smoke shops, convenience stores, and online stores around the country and in Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, kratom products are often sold in capsules, compressed tablets, highly concentrated liquid extracts, herbal teas, powders, or as gummy candy; and

Whereas, kratom is not regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and there are no federal or state standards regulating its contents, potency, or labeling; and

Whereas, there is also a lack of regulation as to who can sell these products or where these products can be sold; and

Whereas, because of the lack of regulations, kratom products can be chemically altered to be much more potent or other substances like hemp, caffeine, and kava can be added, resulting in unexpected or unadvertised chemical profiles; and

Whereas, kratom can become extremely addictive, and abuse is becoming more rampant in our Commonwealth and in our communities, creating a public health and safety crisis; and

Whereas, House Bill 2058 was introduced to create a comprehensive regulatory framework for kratom in Pennsylvania – the legislation includes:

- prohibiting the sale or distribution of a kratom product to an individual under 21
- requiring clear labeling on products with the ingredients, directions for use, and how to safely consume the product
- prohibiting the sale or distribution of synthetic kratom products
- banning marketing or packaging that targets or appeals to children

Therefore, be it resolved: The League supports the adoption of statewide regulation and standards for the chemical contents, sales, labeling, and advertising of kratom products.

Be it further resolved: The League also supports local government autonomy to regulate kratom in their communities if the state chooses not to pass statewide standards.

This resolution supports adopting statewide regulations for kratom products, and if the state fails to act, it supports local government autonomy to regulate such products.

2026 Adopted PSATS Resolutions

The following resolutions were adopted on April 21, 2026 at PSATS' Annual Educational Conference and are now Association policy for five years or until accomplished, whichever is shorter.

26-01 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Title 45 *(Legal Notices)* of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to promote public notice transparency, eliminate the cost of accessing notices for residents and businesses, decrease publication, and reduce local government advertising costs by providing a menu of options for required public notices that include but are not limited to: municipal websites, designated county and state websites, print newspapers, online newspapers, and community papers of mass dissemination, such as shoppers. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-02 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 1307 of the Right-to-Know Law *(Act 3 of 2008)* to allow local agencies to charge a reasonable fee to cover all costs associated with fulfilling open records requests, including labor costs for time spent traveling, duplicating documents, and providing online responses. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-04 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any state or federal legislation that would mandate that local governments be subject to Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations. POTTER COUNTY

26-05 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would mandate that municipalities pay for any state services, such as State Police services, stormwater facilities, and bike lanes on state roads. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-06 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose actions, policies, and regulations of the commonwealth and its departments and agencies that would require municipalities to pay for commonwealth or department responsibilities and facilities or take ownership, by permit or deed, of state facilities, including roundabouts and stormwater facilities on state roads. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-07 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any legislation that would preempt local control of zoning and land use decisions. TOWNSHIPS OVER 10,000 POPULATION COMMITTEE

26-08 RESOLVED, that PSATS support and advocate for the preservation of township zoning and conditional use authority when reviewing applications for large-scale data centers, AND FURTHER RESOLVED, that PSATS oppose any state-level preemption that would limit township authority to regulate the siting and operation of large-scale data centers. MONTGOMERY COUNTY

26-10 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose efforts by the commonwealth to meter wells in Pennsylvania or charge owners of wells for water use, including farms, residences, and municipalities. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-11 RESOLVED, that PSATS seek legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority Act *(Act 16 of 1988)* to allow the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) to make grants and low-interest loans to homeowners for the purpose of installing PFAS/PFOA filtration systems on their private wells. BUCKS COUNTY

26-12 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize the placement of a single yellow center line on qualifying low-volume or rural roads where such markings will enhance public safety as an eligible liquid fuels expense. FRANKLIN COUNTY

26-13 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Environmental Protection to streamline permitting processes for the improvement and maintenance of township-owned bridges, culverts, and/or stream-crossings. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-15 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Transportation to return township roads to the condition that existed before being impacted by official detours caused by state or federal construction projects, AND FURTHER, that the condition of township roads be documented by township officials or their agents before the start of such projects. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-16 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to provide a more streamlined process to identify the ownership of paper alleys.
TOWNSHIPS UNDER 2,000 POPULATION COMMITTEE

26-17 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation authorizing municipal police departments in the Commonwealth to use RADAR and LIDAR devices for speed enforcement.
BUCKS AND MONTGOMERY COUNTIES

26-18 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to expand funding options for emergency medical transport services and fire protection to include authorization for the board of supervisors of a township of the second class to establish and bill a reasonable service fee for these services. INDIANA COUNTY

26-20 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 3205 of the Second Class Township Code to increase the cap on the fire tax from 3 mills to 10 mills without referendum and to increase the ambulance tax from .5 mills to 5 mills without a referendum. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-21 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require insurance companies to reimburse volunteer fire companies and other emergency service providers for expenses incurred while responding to and cleaning up automobile accidents and other emergency incidents on state and local roads. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-22 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require insurance companies to reimburse fire companies for itemized expenses incurred while responding to a structure fire or other emergency incidents, AND FURTHER, that the Office of Fire Commissioner publish a list of eligible rates. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-26 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require that the state budget for the previous fiscal year be automatically re-enacted without change as a temporary interim budget if the General Assembly and the governor fail to approve a new state budget by June 30. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-29 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 708 of the Right-to-Know Law *(Act 3 of 2008)* to clearly exempt personal identification information, including age, sex, race, home address, and date of birth, from disclosure under the law. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-30 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to provide incentives to encourage employers to release volunteer firefighters from their jobs to respond to fire and rescue emergencies. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-31 RESOLVED, that PSATS seek legislation to amend the Municipal Police Pension Law *(Act 600 of 1956, as amended)* to allow a defined contribution pension plan for new officers in lieu of a defined benefit plan. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-32 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Collective Bargaining Act *(Act 111 of 1968)* to require the board of arbitration to consider a municipality's financial status, budget and ability to raise taxes and the potential effect on its bond rating before making any arbitration award; AND FURTHER, That any award that would create a financial hardship to the municipality be declared invalid, reduced, or modified by the court of jurisdiction on appeal. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-33 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to authorize townships to collect a municipal services fee from the state and federal governments for all state and federal facilities located within the township boundaries to cover the costs of providing fire, ambulance, police, and emergency response services to those tax-exempt facilities. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-34 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would authorize the use of heavier and longer commercial trucks on our nation's highways and local road infrastructure. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-35 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to increase the amount of security funds required for bonding posted roads to $37,500 per linear mile for paved roads and $18,000 per linear mile for unpaved roads. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-36 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Transportation to provide timely response and take responsibility for traffic management for incidents that occur on state roads, including but not limited to tree removal, downed lines, etc. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-37 RESOLVED, That PSATS urge the state Department of Transportation to clearly communicate to developers the need to design stormwater management under its Highway Occupancy Permit Policy using options that do not require municipal co-permittees, AND FURTHER, that PennDOT district offices include impacted municipalities in these communications at the start of the HOP process. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-38 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Transportation to enter directly into agreements with developers and property owners for the maintenance of stormwater drainage facilities located within state-owned rights of way, AND FURTHER, to prohibit the department from attempting to require municipalities to enter into such agreements on behalf of developers or property owners as a condition of a state highway occupancy permit. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-39 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to prohibit the state Department of Transportation from requiring a municipality to take ownership of a state road that is being abandoned by the state. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-40 RESOLVED, that PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of Environmental Protection to either budget sufficient funds to reimburse municipalities for 50 percent of the costs to prepare or update Sewage Facilities Plans *(Act 537 Plans)* as mandated by the state Department of Environmental Protection or to eliminate DEP's ability to mandate that municipalities update these plans. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-41 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to prohibit the state Department of Environmental Protection from requiring municipalities to implement and enforce a sewage management program in any area of the municipality that does not have documented on-lot sewage system malfunctions, and to limit the requirement for a municipality to implement and enforce a sewage management program to only those lots on which an alternate on-lot sewage system has been installed. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-42 RESOLVED, that PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 5 *(Official Plans)* of the Sewage Facilities Act *(Act 537 of 1965, as amended)* to allow the use of holding tanks for new land development on properties with less than one acre that were created before May 15, 1972, when no other affordable means of sewage disposal is planned to be available within five years. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-43 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to prohibit the state Department of Environmental Protection from refusing to approve sewage planning modules while new regulations or policies are being developed. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-44 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Sewage Facilities Act *(Act 537 of 1965)* to prohibit the state Department of Environmental Protection from approving permits for public sewer extensions into areas of a municipality not planned for public sewer, provided that the municipality's Act 537 plan has been updated within the last 10 years or the municipality is in the process of updating its Act 537 plan. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-45 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose efforts by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that would require the state Department of Environmental Protection to include as part of a township's municipal stormwater management system any private land over which stormwater flows. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-46 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose efforts by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to require that all municipalities, regardless of how small, be mandated to obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for their municipal stormwater management systems. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-47 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Chapter 102 of Title 25 *(Environmental Protection)* of the Pennsylvania Code to account for low-impact land use changes *(such as changing agriculture fields to athletic fields)* to reduce the engineering and permit requirements needed for such changes. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-48 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Chapter 102 of Title 25 *(Environmental Protection)* of the Pennsylvania Code to increase from one acre to five acres the amount of acreage that can be disturbed before a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit is needed. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-49 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Chapter 102 of Title 25 *(Environmental Protection)* of the Pennsylvania Code to simplify the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit application for single lots.
RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-50 RESOLVED, That PSATS continue to support the voluntary merger or consolidation of local governments if the process is initiated at the local level and has the approval of the majority of the residents of all affected municipalities by referendum. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-51 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would mandate consolidation of local governments. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-52 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would create a statewide boundary change commission to determine local government boundary line changes without voter approval. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-53 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose legislation that would establish the county as the basic level of local government in Pennsylvania, with municipalities existing only under the jurisdiction of the county and having only those duties and responsibilities as determined by the county. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-54 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require the state Department of General Services to allow municipalities to bid on and purchase motor vehicles sold by the state before they are offered for public auction. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-55 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend Section 9023(c) of Title 75 *(Vehicle Code)* of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to increase the prevailing wage threshold for dirt, gravel, and low-volume road projects from $25,000 to $100,000 by expanding the term "locally funded" to include dirt, gravel, and low-volume road grant funding provided under Section 9106 of Title 75 *(Vehicle Code)*. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-56 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Law *(Act 442 of 1961)* to require that wage determinations be based on the rate for comparable positions within the county in which the work will be completed or within the surrounding counties. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-57 RESOLVED, That PSATS and the National Association of Towns and Townships seek legislation to repeal the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-58 RESOLVED, That PSATS seek legislation to require applicants to the commonwealth or any of its agencies for a permit or license to conduct an activity affecting any real property in a municipality to give a minimum of 30 days' notice to the host municipality of the proposed activity to allow the municipality to advise the issuing agency of the activity's compliance with zoning and other applicable land use ordinances. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

26-59 RESOLVED, That PSATS oppose any federal or state legislation that would directly or indirectly authorize any entity to use local government property, including rights of way, without compensation at fair market value, AND FURTHER, that PSATS oppose any federal or state legislation that would preempt local government control and management over local rights of way. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

LGC Sponsored Legislation
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Description	Bill #	Sponsor	Status
FCTC Codification	SB 1036	Keefer	ACT 7 of 2026
BC Vacancy Streamline	SB 862	Kim	ACT 9 of 2026
SCTC Letters of Credit	HB 1194	James	Tabled on 1st in House
	SB 871	Dush	Passed Sen; House LG
SCTC Surcharge & Corporate Manager	HB 1185	James	Tabled on 1st in House
SCTC Vacancy Streamline	HB 1651	Freeman	ACT 59 of 2025
Title 53 Emergency Procedures	HB 1777	Miller	Tabled on 1st in House
BC/TCCC 1st Responder Memorials	HB 1738	Freeman	Passed House; Sen LG
	SB 993	Keefer	Passed Sen; Tabled in House
SCTC 1st Responder Memorials	SB 972	Kearney	ACT 25 OF 2026
BC/TCCC AFR Deadline Extension	HB 1787	Sappey	Passed House; Sen LG
	SB 975	Hutchinson	Passed Sen; Tabled in House
SCTC AFR Deadline Extension	SB 971	Kearney	ACT 24 OF 2026
SCTC Shadow Vehicles	HB 1856	Miller	Tabled in House
	SB 1101	Kearney	Senate LG
BC/TCCC Ordinance Safe Harbor	HB 2177	Freeman	Passed House; Sen LG
SCTC Ordinance Safe Harbor	HB 2179	Sappey	Passed House; Sen LG
Merger, Consolidation Amendments	HB 2361	Freeman	Passed House; Sen LG
BC/TCCC New Officer Training	HB 2320	Miller	Tabled on 1st in House
	SB 1275	Kearney	Senate LG
BC Auditor and Budget Deadline	HB 2721	Miller	Tabled on 1st in House

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2027 LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION OFFICE CLOSING DATES

January 1 (Friday)	**New Year's Day**
January 18 (Monday)	**Martin Luther King, Jr., Day**
February 15 (Monday)	**Presidents' Day**
March 26 (Friday)	**Good Friday**
May 18 (Tuesday)	**Election Day**
May 31 (Monday)	**Memorial Day**
June 18 (Friday)	**Juneteenth**
July 5 (Monday)	**Independence Day (Observed)**
September 6 (Monday)	**Labor Day**
October 11 (Monday)	**Columbus Day**
November 2 (Tuesday)	**Election Day**
November 11 (Thursday)	**Veterans' Day**
November 25 (Thursday)	**Thanksgiving Day**
November 26 (Friday)	**Day after Thanksgiving**
December 24 (Friday)	**Christmas Day (Observed)**