



Mission Statement: *The Consumer Council System of Maine represents fellow consumers with an effective, organized voice in shaping public policy and mental health services. We hold as essential the participation of all consumers and look to collaborate with allies to find realistic solutions to local and statewide issues and to advance recovery-oriented, consumer-driven mental health care and peer-run recovery opportunities.*

Bangor Local Council Agenda

November 25, 2025

In person at Bangor Public Library and
 via Zoom Video Conferencing

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<p>1. Renee</p>	<p><u>Welcome, Introductions, Review Meeting Guidelines, & Housekeeping</u> <u>Attendance/Ice breaker:</u> What are you looking forward to between now and the end of the year? <u>Staff:</u> <u>Guest:</u> <u>Establish Quorum:</u> Y___ N___ <u>Meeting called to order at:</u></p>
<p>2. Kandie</p>	<p><u>Forum Topic:</u> Transportation in Maine And guest SOS/ Candidate for Governor Shenna Bellows</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Review & Adopt Meeting Agenda and Previous Meeting's Minutes:</u> (Vote)</p>



Kandie	<p>A) Review and adopt the current meeting's agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Motion to adopt made by:</i> • <i>2nd by:</i> • <i>Discussion:</i> • <i>Y____ N____ A____</i> <p>B) Review and adopt meeting minutes from October 28,2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Motion to adopt made by:</i> • <i>2nd by:</i> • <i>Discussion:</i> • <i>Y____ N____ A____</i>
4. Kandie	<p><u>New Business:</u> (Combined with Forum for this month)</p> <p>SOS / Candidate for Governor Shenna Bellows</p>
5. Brian Laurie Jason Sarah	<p><u>CCSM Reports:</u> (No Vote)</p> <p>A) SCC Report this month:</p> <p>B) Issues Subcommittee Report:</p> <p>C) Legislative Subcommittee Report:</p> <p>D) Office Update:</p>



6. Renee	<p><u>OUTREACH:</u></p> <p><i>*Intentional – Planned meeting/discussion</i></p> <p><i>*Spontaneous -impulsive, spur of the moment</i></p> <p><i>Where did you do CCSM outreach?</i></p>		
7. Kandie	<p><u>Discuss Current Local Issues Statement Work:</u></p>		
8. Renee	<p><u>Follow Up Business:</u></p>		
9. Renee <hr/> All	<p><u>Future Agenda Items:</u></p> <p><u>Community Updates and Announcement</u></p>		
10. Assigned Tasks:	<p><u>Who?</u></p>	<p><u>When?</u></p>	
<p><i>Pre-read all meeting materials and attend next month's LC Meeting</i></p>	<p><i>All</i></p>	<p><i>Monthly</i></p>	
<p><i>Prepare Agenda and submit it to Outreach Coordinator</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>Minutes, work with chair on minutes, then send to Outreach Coordinator</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>Send out meeting documents to all Local Councilor Members</i></p>	<p>Renee</p> <hr/> <p>Kandie</p> <hr/> <p>Sarah</p>	<p><i>Monthly</i></p> <p><i>10 days after meeting</i></p> <hr/> <p><i>At least 15 days prior to</i></p>	



		<i>the next meeting.</i>
11. Brian	<u>Evaluation, Recap:</u> What went well? How can we improve our meetings?	
12. Renee	<hr/> Meeting Wrap Up: Next meeting: December 23,2025	

Local Council Business Minutes from Bangor

Date: November 25, 2025

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1.	<p>Welcome, Introductions, Attendance & Review Zoom Meeting Guidelines</p> <p>Check In & Ice Breaker</p> <p>Attendees: Renee', Kandie, Brian Excused: Unexcused:</p> <p>Via Zoom: Laurie, Jason, LeeAnn (Penquis) Spencer (Augusta Local) Heather Martin (Policy Director for Shenna Bellows)</p> <p>Chair: Renee Secretary: Kandie Staff: Sarah</p> <p>Guests Speaker: SOS, Gubernatorial Candidate Shenna Bellows</p> <p>Quorum Established? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Meeting called to order: <input type="checkbox"/> 5:03 pm <input type="checkbox"/></p>
2.	<p><u>Review & Adopt Meeting Agenda and Previous Meeting's Minutes:</u> (Vote)</p> <p>A) Review and adopt the current meeting agenda.</p>

	<p><i>Motion was made by Jason to adopt this Meeting's Agenda. It was seconded by Kandie. Was there any discussion? (No) Motion (Carried) with 7 <i>in favor of</i>, <u> 0 </u> opposed to, and 0 abstention.</i></p> <p>B) Review and adopt September 23, 2025, meeting minutes.</p> <p><i>The motion was made by Jason to adopt the minutes. It was seconded by Kandie. Was there any discussion? No</i></p> <p><i>The Motion (Carried) with <u> 7 </u> in favor of, <u> 0 </u> opposed to, and <u> 0 </u> abstentions.</i></p> <p>***<i>(The above votes were made as a simultaneous motion by Jason; the votes were called for by Sara.)</i></p>
3.	<p><u>New Business:</u> SOS/Gubernatorial Candidate Shenna Bellows shared her childhood experiences of growing up in poverty, her past work history and long-term fight to make the world more fair, just and equal for all. Her desire to support Tribal sovereignty on day 1 and then asked each of us what we would do on day 1 if we were elected Governor.</p>
4.	<p>A) SCC Reports: Outreach presentation was done by Sarah and Brittney explaining what new ways they are working to reach people and the importance of us sharing the links.</p> <p>B) Issues Sub Committee Report: Issue statements being worked on that were discussed.</p> <p>C) Legislative Report: Legislature is open. The writing group for the CCSM has started back up. A new Leg Tracker sheet has been created and sent out by Kerri.</p>

	<p>D) Office Update: No updates</p> <p><u>Follow Up Business:</u></p> <p><u>Future Agenda Items:</u> Having another Gubernatorial candidate available to come chat with us.</p> <p><u>Community Updates and Announcements:</u> Hall of Flags event Wed. Feb</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Forum Topic: Transportation</p> <p>Everyone shared their experiences with transportation issues, from issues with arrival and pick up, to costs and issues with the bus system. Overall discontent with the state hiring an out-of-state company to provide services when they already had a bad track record. Issues with drivers not allowing bathroom break on longer rides. Currently rides with Lynx can only be set up via phone.</p> <p>Micro transportation ideas based on model from Vermont were suggested.</p> <p>Putting a Cap on fare cost such as Portland is doing.</p> <p>The need for a break in registration costs or purchase assistance for vehicles with driver assist.</p> <p>Volunteer service program.</p> <p>SOS Bellows shared that statistics show younger people are showing less interest in getting a driver's license, giving even more need to find real solutions for transportation issues for the entire state. She also expressed that with today's technology there is no reason to have some of the issues we currently do.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Where did you do CCSM Outreach? Online, other organizations, sharing links from CCSM</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Discuss Current Local Issue Statement Work:</p>

8. <u>Meeting Recap & Task List</u>	<u>Who?</u>	<u>When?</u>
Pre-read all meeting materials	All	Monthly
Attend next Local Council Meeting	All	Monthly
Prepare Agenda and submit to Outreach Coordinator	Chair	
Prepare Minutes and submit to Outreach Coordinator	Secretary	
Send all meeting documents to Local Council members at least 15 days before the next meeting per the Governance Guidelines.	Outreach Coordinator	

9.	<p><u>Meeting Evaluation:</u></p> <p>What went well? Made quorum, stayed focused, and stayed on topic, great conversation with guests.</p> <p>How can we improve our meetings? Encouraging future attendance</p> <p>Meeting ended at 7:00 pm</p>
10.	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Meeting Wrap Up:</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Next Meeting will be on:</u> December 23, 2025, in person at Bangor Public Library AND via ZOOM</p>

