



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

February 24, 2026

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> Imagine you are your own best friend, in one sentence, what advice or wisdom would you give to yourself? <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> Rural Access to Resources</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Review & Adopt Meeting Agenda and Previous Meeting's Minutes: (Vote)</u> A) Review and adopt the current meeting's agenda.</p>



<p>Brian</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 <i>January 27, 2026</i>, Motion to adopt made by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>2nd by:</i> • <i>Discussion:</i> • <i>Y___ N___ A___</i>
<p>4. Jason</p>	<p><u>New Business:</u></p>
<p>5. Brian Laurie Jason Sarah</p>	<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>
<p>6. Kandie</p>	<p><u>OUTREACH:</u></p> <p><i>*Intentional – Planned meeting/discussion</i></p>



	<p><i>*Spontaneous -impulsive, spur of the moment</i></p> <p>Where did you do CCSM outreach?</p>		
7. Renee	<p><u>Follow Up Business:</u></p>		
8. Renee	<p><u>Future Agenda Items:</u></p>		
All	<p><u>Community Updates and Announcement</u></p> <p>Hope Conference is Wednesday May 13, 2026 in Augusta.</p>		
9.	Assigned Tasks:	<u>Who?</u>	<u>When?</u>
	<i>Pre-read all meeting materials and attend next month's LC Meeting</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>Monthly</i>
	<i>Prepare Agenda and submit it to Outreach Coordinator</i>		<i>Monthly</i>
	<i>Minutes, work with chair on minutes, then send to Outreach Coordinator</i>	Renee	<i>10 days after meeting</i>
	<i>Send out meeting documents to all Local Council or Members</i>	Kandie	<i>—</i>
		Sarah	<i>At least 15 days prior to the next meeting.</i>



10. Laurie <hr/>	<u>Evaluation, Recap:</u> What went well? How can we improve our meetings? <hr/>
11. Renee	- Meeting Wrap Up: Next meeting: March 24, 2026

Local Council Business Minutes from Bangor

February 24, 2027

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1.	<p>Welcome, Introductions, Attendance & Review Zoom Meeting Guidelines</p> <p>Check In & Ice Breaker</p> <p>Attendees: No in person for February Excused: Unexcused:</p> <p>Via Zoom: Renee, Brian, Kandie, Laurie, Jason, LeeAnn (Vickie & Melissa from Augusta Local)</p> <p>Chair: Renee Secretary: Kandie Staff: Sarah</p> <p>Guests Speaker:</p> <p>Quorum Established? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Meeting called to order: <u>5:04 pm</u></p>
2.	<p><u>Review & Adopt Meeting Agenda and Previous Meeting's Minutes:</u></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 <u>4</u> in favor of, <u>0</u> opposed to, and 3 abstentions.</i></p> <p>B) Review and adopt November 25, 2025, meeting minutes.</p> <p><i>The motion was made by Kandie to adopt the minutes. It was seconded by Renee. Was there any discussion? No</i></p> <p><i>The Motion (Carried) with <u>4</u> in favor of, <u>0</u> opposed to, and <u>3</u> abstentions.</i></p>
3.	<p><u>New Business:</u></p> <p>Next month's meeting will be in the Minsky Hall then return to Board rm the following month. LeAnn shared that she hadn't seen the change too in</p>

	<p>person only for January and had shown up in person. She let us know that two others had also shown up and will return another time.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>A) SCC Reports: The Board worked on Employee Handbook revisions. This was needed due to the change to work from home rather than the office on a consistent basis. Financial reports were gone over and a one-time change was made to increase the amount of staff wellness benefit.</p> <p>B) Issues Sub Committee Report: Issue statements on emotional support animals has a deadline for responses of March 9th. Mental Health Crisis Prevention and Decriminalizing Being Outside were worked on.</p> <p>C) Legislative Report: Focused on the Outreach event in the Hall of Flags at the State House. And discussion of LD 748/ rental assistance and LD1843 /peer respite, being a priority.</p> <p>D) Office Update: Staff continue to make headway on selling office furniture.</p> <p><u>Follow Up Business:</u></p> <p><u>Future Agenda Items:</u> Having another Gubernatorial candidate available to come chat with us. At a later time, inviting SILK to talk.</p> <p><u>Community Updates and Announcements:</u> Hope Confrence May 13th in Augusta</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Forum Topic: Rural Access to Resources</p> <p>LeeAnn shared that Penquis has expanded their non-medical, general public transportation service to Monday through Friday rather than just days, and now goes from 7AM -5PM, within the Penobscot and Penquis area. It still requires a 2-day notice and rides cost between .50-\$7.00. There are possible discounts for low income and disabilities. Electronic payments are still not currently accepted but the issue is being worked on. They are trying to find a way to not bear the cost or pass it on. They continue to have issues with finding drivers for unaccompanied minors. At one time there were 200 now it is down to 12. People do not want to take the risks with insurance and are more likely to be willing to transport if the minor is accompanied by a guardian. There has also been difficulties finding drivers for early or late hours. The service provided takes people door to door unlike the bus service in Bangor which requires people to meet in a general location for a bus stop.</p> <p>Local government was briefly discussed, where in our rural areas a Select Board and Town meetings make decisions rather than a Town Council. Attending these can help make the need known for required resources such as warming spaces,</p>

	and food. The importance of us being part of the solution by sharing the resources we know of was encouraged. PATH was discussed and following the meeting was followed up on and found to be provided in Dover Foxcroft.																		
6.	Where did you do CCSM Outreach? There was 100% participation of local Reps in doing Outreach this month. Renee, Laurie, Jason and Kandie all participated at the Hall of Flags event. Brian and Jason both connected with SILK, and there was discussion about them coming to speak with us. Kandie discussed with Micheal Beck from the Bangor City Council about him coming to the Local as well as Dr Nirav Shah. There were other connections made as well by our group.																		
7	Discuss Current Local Issue Statement Work: Jason has an Issue that he has been working on and will be bringing forward for our input.																		
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9.	<p>Meeting Evaluation:</p> <p>What went well? Made quorum. 100% participation for outreach and great group conversation.</p> <p>How can we improve our meetings? Make certain to have someone at the meeting in person so we don't miss opportunities.</p> <p>Meeting ended at 6:28 pm</p>
10.	<p align="center">Meeting Wrap Up:</p> <p>Next Meeting will be on: March 24, 2026, in person at Bangor Public Library AND via ZOOM</p>