

MINUTES  
LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE  
MARCH 24, 2015 MEETING  
{ Approved: September 21, 2015 }

The Legislative Ethics Committee (RSA 14-B:2) met on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at 3:00 P.M. in Room 104 of the Legislative Office Building.

The following members were present: the Honorable Donna Sytek, Chairman, Senator Sharon M. Carson, Vice Chairman, Senator Martha Fuller Clark, Representative Janet G. Wall, Representative David A. Welch, the Honorable John A. Graham, and Attorney David H. Bradley. Also present: Richard M. Lambert, Executive Administrator. Chairman Sytek introduced the newest member of the Committee, Attorney Bradley, and then asked each member to say a few words of introduction about themselves.

Chairman Sytek then made the following statement about former Committee members Martin L. Gross, Esq. and Kimon S. Zachos, Esq.:

“At the prior meeting I should have noted the service of the previous chair of the committee, Martin Gross, whom I guess all of us know, who was on the Committee for 4 full terms, and chairman for 3 terms. During his time, I am told... there was a conflict between the statute and the Ethics Guidelines and it took several years to get that straightened out without any clear directive from the House or the Senate. Under Martin’s leadership, they were able to sort that out so that at least the Guidelines reflected what was in the statute.

“Serving on the Committee at that time was the late Kim Zachos, and many of you may know him. I served on many non-profit boards with Kimon. He was once the House Majority Leader and a real bottom line kind of guy who looked to get a group to a decision quickly... Kimon died recently but I didn’t want it to go unnoted that he had been a member of the Legislative Ethics Committee for 3 full terms. And they had some really thorny issues to deal with. And I hope that our term is uneventful and we don’t have anything to deal with like they did.”

The Committee’s meeting consisted of the following items:

ITEM #1

Consideration of the draft *Minutes* from the Committee's meeting held on February 3, 2015.

Following review, Mr. Graham moved to approve the *Minutes*. Representative Wall seconded the motion and the Committee voted 5 to 0 to approve the Minutes (with Attorney Bradley abstaining). (Senator Fuller Clark had not yet arrived.)

ITEM #2

Initial Review of *Complaint 2015-1* {Confidential}

Senator Carson stated: "I move to enter nonpublic session, pursuant to RSA 14-B:3, I(d), to conduct an Initial Review of *Complaint 2015-1*." Representative Wall seconded the motion and the Committee voted as follows:

Attorney Bradley	Yea
Mr. Graham	Yea
Senator Fuller Clark	Yea
Chairman Sytek	Yea
Vice Chairman Carson	Yea
Representative Wall	Yea
Representative Welch	Yea

{MOTION ADOPTED}

{Nonpublic Session}

Mr. Graham moved to exit nonpublic session. Representative Wall seconded the motion and the Committee voted as follows:

Attorney Bradley	Yea
Mr. Graham	Yea
Senator Fuller Clark	Yea
Chairman Sytek	Yea
Vice Chairman Carson	Yea
Representative Wall	Yea
Representative Welch	Yea

{MOTION ADOPTED}

Chairman Sytek made the following statement: "During our nonpublic session, we voted to dismiss *Complaint 2015-1*."

ITEM#3

Update on the Status of 2015 House Bill 458, "An Act revising the legislative ethics laws and the guidelines of the legislative ethics committee."

Chairman Sytek informed the Committee that the bill passed unanimously from the House Committee on Legislative Administration, with no amendments, passed the House on the consent calendar, and was currently before the Senate.

ITEM #4

New Business.

{There was no new business.}

ITEM #5

Scheduling of next meeting.

The Committee will meet next at the call of the Chair.

The Committee's meeting adjourned at 4:22 P.M.

{Prepared by: Richard M. Lambert, Executive Administrator}