

MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE
MAY 30, 2017 MEETING
{Approved: June 27, 2017}

The Legislative Ethics Committee (RSA 14-B:2) met on Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at 1:00 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, Representative Janet G. Wall, Representative David A. Welch, Attorney David H. Bradley, and the Honorable David W. Hess. Senator Martha Fuller Clark was unable to attend. Also present: Richard M. Lambert, Executive Administrator.

The Committee's meeting consisted of the following items:

ITEM#1

Consideration of the draft *Minutes* from the Committee's meeting held on February 6, 2017.

Following review, Chairman Sytek pointed out a typographical error in the first sentence in Item #1 where 2016 should have been 2017. Senator Carson moved to approve the *Minutes* as corrected. Attorney Bradley seconded the motion and the Committee voted 6 to 0 to approve the *Minutes*.

ITEM #2

Initial Review of *Complaint 2017-1* and *Complaint 2017-2*.

Representative Welch moved to enter nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 14-B:3, I(d) to conduct initial reviews of *Complaint 2017-1* and *Complaint 2017-2*. Attorney Bradley seconded the motion and the Committee voted as follows:

Attorney Bradley	Yea
Representative Wall	Yea
Chairman Sytek	Yea
Senator Carson	Yea
Representative Welch	Yea
Mr. Hess	Yea

{MOTION ADOPTED}

{Nonpublic Session}

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

Attorney Bradley	Yea
Representative Wall	Yea
Chairman Sytek	Yea
Senator Carson	Yea
Representative Welch	Yea
Mr. Hess	Yea

{MOTION ADOPTED}

Chairman Sytek announced that the Committee, in its nonpublic session, took no final action with respect to *Complaint 2017-1* and voted to dismiss *Complaint 2017-2*.

ITEM #3

Consideration of a request for an Advisory Opinion from Representative Amanda Gourgue.

The Committee reviewed a request for advice from Representative Amanda Gourgue, dated May 24, 2017, in which she described her current employment responsibilities and membership in several organizations and asked whether she was in compliance with disclosure requirements and other provisions of the Ethics Guidelines.

Following discussion, Senator Carson moved to respond to Representative Gourgue that the Committee determined that, based on the information she provided, Representative Gourgue is currently in compliance with all reporting requirements. Mr. Hess seconded the motion, and the Committee voted 6 to 0 in favor of the motion.

ITEM #4

Ratification of *Advisory Opinion 2017-1*.

Senator Carson moved to ratify the Committee's adoption of *Advisory Opinion 2017-1*, pursuant to Procedural Rule 2, IV. Representative Welch seconded the motion, and the Committee voted 6 to 0 in favor of the motion.

ITEM #5

Discussion of ethics-related legislation considered during the 2017 session.

Chairman Sytek noted that 2017 SB 35 had been reported out of the House Committee on Legislative Administration as "ought to pass with amendment." The Committee briefly discussed the substance of the amendment and agreed to continue to monitor the legislation.

ITEM #6

New/Other Business.

There was no new/other business.

ITEM #7

Scheduling of the next meeting.

The Committee scheduled its next meeting for June 27, 2017, at 1:00 P.M.

The Committee's meeting adjourned at 3:28 P.M.

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