

MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE
MARCH 19, 2018 MEETING
{Approved: May 1, 2018}

The Legislative Ethics Committee (RSA 14-B:2) met on Monday, March 19, 2018, 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, Attorney David H. Bradley, and the Honorable David W. Hess. 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 meetings held on January 24, 2018 and February 21, 2018.

Following review, Senator Carson moved to approve the January 24, 2018 *Minutes* as presented. Representative Wall seconded the motion and the Committee voted 5 to 0 to approve the *Minutes*.

Following review, Senator Fuller Clark moved to approve the February 21, 2018 *Minutes* as presented. Attorney Bradley seconded the motion and the Committee voted 5 to 0 to approve the *Minutes*.

ITEM #2

Initial Review of *Complaint 2018-3*. {Confidential}

Senator Carson moved to enter nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 14-B:3, I(d) to conduct an Initial Review of *Complaint 2018-3*. Representative Wall seconded the motion and the Committee voted as follows:

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

{MOTION ADOPTED}

{NONPUBLIC SESSION}

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

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

{MOTION ADOPTED}

Chairman Sytek announced: “During our nonpublic session the Committee took action on *Complaint 2018-3* and voted to dismiss it on the grounds that it was more than 2 years old.”

ITEM #3

Update on the status of 2018 Senate Bill 343, “An Act relative to legislative ethics guidelines.”

Chairman Sytek summarized the Committee’s discussion at its prior meeting and said that the Committee recommended adding an amendment to the bill to require biennial filing of Financial Disclosure Forms instead of annual. She said that following the meeting Senator Fuller Clark called her to remind her that the change wouldn’t take effect until the second year of the biennium, so it could come in as its own bill next session instead of being added to SB 343. After a brief discussion the Committee members agreed.

ITEM #4

Initial Reviews of *Complaint 2018-1* and *Complaint 2018-2*. {Confidential}

Representative Wall moved to enter nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 14-B:3, I(d) to conduct Initial Reviews of *Complaint 2018-1* and *Complaint 2018-2*. Mr. Hess seconded the motion and the Committee voted as follows:

Attorney Bradley	Yea
Senator Fuller Clark	Yea
Chairman Sytek	(recused from <i>Complaints 2018-1</i> and <i>2018-2</i>)
Senator Carson	(recused from <i>Complaint 2018-1</i>)
Representative Wall	Yea
Representative Welch	Yea
Mr. Hess	Yea

{MOTION ADOPTED}

{NONPUBLIC SESSION}

{Chairman Sytek recused from participation in *Complaint 2018-1* and *Complaint 2018-2* and was not present during the nonpublic session.}

{Senator Carson recused from participation in *Complaint 2018-1* and was not present during the Initial Review of *Complaint 2018-1*.}

Senator Fuller Clark moved to exit nonpublic session. Mr. Hess seconded the motion and the Committee voted as follows:

Attorney Bradley		(not present)
Senator Fuller Clark	Yea	
Chairman Sytek		(recused from both complaints)
Senator Carson	Yea	
Representative Wall	Yea	
Representative Welch	Yea	
Mr. Hess	Yea	
{MOTION ADOPTED}		

{The Committee in its nonpublic session voted to proceed to Preliminary Investigations of *Complaint 2018-1* and *Complaint 2018-2*.}

ITEM #5

New/Other Business.
{There was no new or other business.}

ITEM #6

Scheduling of the next meeting.
The Committee's next meeting will be at the call of the chair.

The Committee's meeting adjourned at approximately 3:50 P.M.

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