

MINUTES  
LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 14, 2018 MEETING  
{Approved: February 4, 2019}

The Legislative Ethics Committee (RSA 14-B:2) met on Wednesday, November 14, 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 David A. Welch, Attorney David H. Bradley, and the Honorable David W. Hess. Representative Janet G. Wall 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 October 9, 2018.

Following review, Chairman Sytek noted an error in Item #3 in which a legislator's name was misspelled. Senator Fuller Clark moved to approve the *Minutes* as corrected. Attorney Bradley seconded the motion and the Committee voted 5 to 0 to approve the *Minutes*.

ITEM#2

Initial Review of *Complaint #2018-6*. {Confidential}

Senator Fuller Clark moved to enter nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 14-B:3, I(d) to conduct an Initial Review of *Complaint 2018-6*. Mr. Hess seconded the motion and the Committee voted as follows:

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

{MOTION ADOPTED}

{NONPUBLIC SESSION}

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

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

{MOTION ADOPTED}

Chairman Sytek announced that during the nonpublic session the Committee voted to terminate *Complaint 2018-6* and to dismiss another complaint that was neither sworn nor within the Committee's jurisdiction.

ITEM#3

Discussion of 2018 Legislator Orientation.

The Committee reviewed the Orientation schedule and discussed the materials related to our ethics laws and guidelines that it wanted to have prepared for distribution to the newly-elected members.

ITEM #4

Discussion of an electronic Financial Disclosure Form for 2019.

Mr. Lambert informed the Committee that there would be no electronic form for 2019. He recounted that last year General Court Technology Services was able to get the e-form app for free from a company looking to sell the General Court other e-products. He said that this year, when we were given an actual cost for the e-form app, it was going to be very expensive. He stated that OLS Director Dave Alukonis has been evaluating other options and that Mr. Alukonis is hopeful we will have an e-form for next session.

ITEM #5

New/Other Business.

1) Consideration of a request for an Advisory Opinion from Representative David Bates.

Representative Bates inquired whether he may accept payment for certain costs related to participation in a documentary on the issue of minors getting married. The participation would involve a trip to New York for an interview with the A & E Network, which offered free transportation, compensation for meals, and one night of lodging in New York.

The Committee reviewed a draft advisory opinion. Following discussion, Senator Fuller Clark moved to adopt *Advisory Opinion 2018-3* in response to Rep. Bates' request. Senator Carson seconded the motion and the Committee voted 6-0 in favor of the motion.

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 4:40 P.M.

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