

MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 29, 2021 MEETING
{ Approved: December 20, 2021 }

The Legislative Ethics Committee (RSA 14-B:2) met on Monday, November 29, 2021, at 1:00 P.M. in Room 104 of the Legislative Office Building.

The following members were present: Representative Edward M. Gordon, Chairman, the Honorable Donna Sytek, Vice Chairman, Senator Sharon M. Carson, Senator Cindy Rosenwald, Representative Janet G. Wall, the Honorable David H. Hess, and Attorney John S. Brandte. Also participating was Richard M. Lambert, Executive Administrator.

Chairman Gordon stated, "I would note that we received an email from a prior complainant, which due to confidentiality I won't disclose the name, but I want you to be aware that that was filed in regard to our finding – or our lack of finding – that was made."

The Committee's meeting consisted of the following agenda items:

ITEM #1

Consideration of the draft *Minutes* from the Committee's meeting held on October 29, 2021.

Following review, Vice Chairman Sytek moved to approve the *Minutes* as presented. Senator Carson seconded the motion and the Committee voted 7-0 to adopt the motion.

ITEM #2

Initial Review of *Complaint 2021-9*.

Senator Carson moved to enter nonpublic session, pursuant to RSA 14-B:3, I(d), to conduct an Initial Review of *Complaint 2021-9*. Representative Wall seconded the motion and the Committee voted as follows:

Mr. Hess	Yea
Attorney Brandte	Yea
Representative Wall	Yea
Senator Carson	Yea
Chairman Gordon	Yea
Vice Chairman Sytek	Yea
Senator Rosenwald	Yea

{MOTION ADOPTED}

{NONPUBLIC SESSION}

Senator Carson moved to exit the nonpublic session. Vice Chairman Sytek seconded the motion and the Committee voted as follows:

Mr. Hess	Yea
Attorney Brandte	Yea
Representative Wall	Yea
Senator Carson	Yea
Chairman Gordon	Yea
Vice Chairman Sytek	Yea
Senator Rosenwald	Yea

{MOTION ADOPTED}

Chairman Gordon stated that the Committee, in its nonpublic session, conducted an Initial Review of *Complaint 2021-9* and voted to conduct a Preliminary Investigation of the Complaint.

ITEM #3

Continued Preliminary Investigation of *Complaint 2021-5*.

Senator Carson moved to enter nonpublic session, pursuant to RSA 14-B:3, I(d), to continue a Preliminary Investigation of *Complaint 2021-5*. Representative Wall seconded the motion and the Committee voted as follows:

Mr. Hess	Yea
Attorney Brandte	Yea
Representative Wall	Yea
Senator Carson	Yea
Chairman Gordon	Yea
Vice Chairman Sytek	Yea
Senator Rosenwald	Yea

{MOTION ADOPTED}

{NONPUBLIC SESSION}

Senator Carson moved to exit the nonpublic session. Vice Chairman Sytek seconded the motion and the Committee voted as follows:

Mr. Hess	Yea
Attorney Brandte	Yea
Representative Wall	Yea
Senator Carson	Yea
Chairman Gordon	Yea
Vice Chairman Sytek	Yea
Senator Rosenwald	Yea

{MOTION ADOPTED}

Chairman Gordon stated that the Committee, in its nonpublic session, conducted a Preliminary Investigation of *Complaint 2021-5* and voted to continue the Preliminary Investigation of the Complaint.

ITEM #4

Initial Review of *Complaint 2021-10*.

Senator Carson moved to enter nonpublic session, pursuant to RSA 14-B:3, I(d), to conduct an Initial Review of *Complaint 2021-10*. Attorney Brandte seconded the motion and the Committee voted as follows:

Mr. Hess	Yea
Attorney Brandte	Yea
Representative Wall	Yea
Senator Carson	Yea
Chairman Gordon	Yea
Vice Chairman Sytek	Yea
Senator Rosenwald	Yea

{MOTION ADOPTED}

{NONPUBLIC SESSION}

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

Mr. Hess	Yea
Attorney Brandte	Yea
Representative Wall	Yea
Senator Carson	Yea
Chairman Gordon	Yea
Vice Chairman Sytek	Yea
Senator Rosenwald	Yea

{MOTION ADOPTED}

Chairman Gordon stated that the Committee, in its nonpublic session, conducted an Initial Review of *Complaint 2021-10* and voted to continue the Initial Review of the Complaint.

ITEM #5

Examination of *Complaint 2021-11*.

Senator Carson moved to enter nonpublic session, pursuant to RSA 14-B:3, I(d), to examine *Complaint 2021-11*. Representative Wall seconded the motion. Mr. Hess then stated that he had to leave the meeting in a few minutes and asked if the Committee would consider scheduling its next meeting before he left. In response, Vice Chairman Sytek moved to table the motion to enter nonpublic session. Senator Rosenwald seconded the motion and the Committee voted 7-0 to adopt the motion. The Committee then discussed scheduling its next meeting (see ITEM #7).

Vice Chairman Sytek moved to take the motion off the table. Senator Rosenwald seconded the motion and the Committee voted 7-0 in favor of the motion.

The Committee then voted on the motion to enter nonpublic session as follows:

Mr. Hess	Yea
Attorney Brandte	Yea
Representative Wall	Yea
Senator Carson	Yea
Chairman Gordon	Yea
Vice Chairman Sytek	Yea
Senator Rosenwald	Yea

{MOTION ADOPTED}

{NONPUBLIC SESSION}

Mr. Hess moved to exit the nonpublic session. Attorney Brandte seconded the motion and the Committee voted as follows:

Mr. Hess	Yea
Attorney Brandte	Yea
Representative Wall	Yea
Senator Carson	Yea
Chairman Gordon	Yea
Vice Chairman Sytek	Yea
Senator Rosenwald	Yea

{MOTION ADOPTED}

Chairman Gordon stated that the Committee, in its nonpublic session, voted to continue its Initial Review of the Complaint.

ITEM #6

New/Other business.

There was no new or other business.

ITEM #7

Scheduling of the next meeting.

The Committee scheduled a meeting on December 20, 2021, at 1:00 P.M.

The Committee's meeting adjourned at approximately 2:50 P.M.

{Prepared by Richard M. Lambert, Executive Administrator}