MINUTES LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 3, 2011 MEETING

{Approved: January 5, 2012}

The Legislative Ethics Committee (RSA 14-B:2) met on Thursday, November 3, 2011, at 3:00 P.M. in Room 103 of the State House. The following members were present: Attorney Martin L. Gross, Chairman, Senator Amanda A. Merrill, Senator Fenton Groen, Representative Jordan G. Ulery, and Mr. John F. Quinlan. Attorney Brian M. Quirk and Representative Janet G. Wall were unable to attend. Also present was the Committee's Executive Administrator, Richard M. Lambert. The Committee's meeting consisted of the following items:

ITEM #1

Consideration and adoption of *Agenda*.

Chairman Gross asked the Committee to consider a proposed Agenda. Following review, Representative Ulery moved to adopt the proposed Agenda. Mr. Quinlan seconded the motion and the Committee voted 5 to 0 to adopt the Agenda.

ITEM #2

Consideration of the draft *Minutes* from the Committee's meeting held on October 6, 2011. Following review, Mr. Quinlan moved to adopt the *Minutes* as drafted. Representative Ulery seconded the motion and the Committee voted 5 to 0 to adopt the *Minutes*.

ITEM #3

Discussion of legislative proposals to amend RSA 15-B.

The Committee discussed potential legislation for changes to RSA 15-B that could provide greater clarity, including changes to the definition of gift in RSA 15-B:2, and would establish new reporting requirements.

The Committee also heard from Representative David Robbins, who described his proposed legislation that would require legislators to recuse from voting when they have a conflict of interest.

The Committee's meeting adjourned at approximately 4:50 P.M. The Committee's next meeting will be at the call of the Chair.

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