

MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE
AUGUST 2, 2018 MEETING
{Approved: August 15, 2018}

The Legislative Ethics Committee (RSA 14-B:2) met on Thursday, August 2, 2018, at 10:30 A.M. in Room 104 of the Legislative Office Building.

The following members were present: Senator Sharon M. Carson, Vice Chairman, Senator Martha Fuller Clark, Representative Janet G. Wall, Representative David A. Welch, and Attorney David H. Bradley. The Honorable Donna Sytek, Chairman, and the Honorable David W. Hess were 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 June 6, 2018.

Following review, Senator Fuller Clark moved to approve the *Minutes* as presented. Representative Welch seconded the motion and the Committee voted 5 to 0 to approve the *Minutes*.

ITEM #2

Initial Review of *Complaint 2018-5*.

Senator Carson stated that the Initial Review would be conducted in public session, but the Committee would be going into nonpublic session to deliberate, and then would inform the public about its decision afterwards. She also stated that the Committee's chairman, Donna Sytek, had recused from participation in the complaint. {The Honorable David W. Hess also recused from participation in the complaint.} She then asked Mr. Lambert to briefly summarize what was before the Committee.

Mr. Lambert said that the Committee had before it a complaint -- Complaint 2018-5 -- filed by the complainant, Mr. Christopher L. Dornin, and received by the Committee on June 13, and a response from the respondent, Representative John Sytek, which was received by the Committee on June 16. He noted that Representative Sytek waived confidentiality in his June 16 response. He then distributed copies of 2 bills that were at issue in the complaint.

Senator Carson noted that both parties were present and asked if they would like to address the Committee. Both parties stated they would.

Mr. Dornin, Representative Sytek, and Representative Michael Brewster then addressed the Committee and answered questions from the Committee.

Representative Welch moved to enter nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 14-B:3, I(d) to deliberate on *Complaint 2018-5*. Representative Wall seconded the motion and the Committee voted as follows:

Attorney Bradley	Yea
Senator Fuller Clark	Yea
Senator Carson	Yea
Representative Wall	Yea
Representative Welch	Yea

{MOTION ADOPTED}

{NONPUBLIC SESSION}

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

Attorney Bradley	Yea
Senator Fuller Clark	Yea
Senator Carson	Yea
Representative Wall	Yea
Representative Welch	Yea

{MOTION ADOPTED}

Senator Carson announced: “The Committee met and deliberated the complaint, *Complaint 2018*. The Committee has decided to dismiss the complaint and the reasoning should be available this afternoon.”

ITEM #3

New/Other Business.

There was no new or other business.

ITEM #4

Scheduling of the next meeting.

The Committee’s scheduled its next meeting for Wednesday, August 15, 2018 at 1:00 P.M.

The Committee’s meeting adjourned at approximately 12:00 P.M.

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