

MINUTES  
LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE  
October 4, 2021 MEETING  
{Adopted: October 29, 2021}

The Legislative Ethics Committee (RSA 14-B:2) met on Monday, October 4, 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.

The Committee's meeting consisted of the following items:

ITEM #1

Consideration of the draft *Minutes* from the Committee's meeting held on September 13, 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

Continued Initial Review of *Complaint 2021-5*.

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

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

{MOTION ADOPTED}

{NONPUBLIC SESSION}

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

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

{MOTION ADOPTED}

Chairman Gordon stated that the Committee, in its nonpublic session, conducted an Initial Review of *Complaint 2021-5* and voted to conduct a Preliminary Investigation of the complaint and to invite witnesses.

Senator Carson announced that she would be recusing from participation in the Committee's consideration of *Complaint 2021-7*. She then left the meeting.

ITEM #3

Initial Review of *Complaint 2021-7*.

Vice Chairman Sytek moved to enter nonpublic session, pursuant to RSA 14-B:3, I(d), to conduct an Initial Review *Complaint 2021-7*. Representative Wall seconded the motion and the Committee voted as follows:

|                     |     |                           |
|---------------------|-----|---------------------------|
| Attorney Brandte    | Yea |                           |
| Mr. Hess            | Yea |                           |
| Vice Chairman Sytek | Yea |                           |
| Chairman Gordon     | Yea |                           |
| Senator Carson      |     | (Recused and not present) |
| Representative Wall | Yea |                           |
| Senator Rosenwald   | Yea |                           |

{MOTION ADOPTED}

{NONPUBLIC SESSION}

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

|                     |     |                           |
|---------------------|-----|---------------------------|
| Attorney Brandte    | Yea |                           |
| Mr. Hess            | Yea |                           |
| Vice Chairman Sytek | Yea |                           |
| Chairman Gordon     | Yea |                           |
| Senator Carson      |     | (Recused and not present) |
| Representative Wall | Yea |                           |
| Senator Rosenwald   | Yea |                           |

{MOTION ADOPTED}

Chairman Gordon stated that the Committee during its nonpublic session voted to discharge *Complaint 2021-7* and to so notify the parties.

ITEM #5

New/Other business.

Chairman Gordon discussed a Legislative Services Request (LSR) he had filed for a bill for the 2022 legislative session that would require recusal when a legislator, a legislator's household member, or a legislator's employer has a direct financial interest in a matter before the General Court.

ITEM #6

Scheduling of the next meeting.

The Committee scheduled a meeting on October 29, 2021, at 1:30 P.M.

The Committee's meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 P.M.

{Prepared by Richard M. Lambert, Executive Administrator}