

MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE
MAY 20, 2022 MEETING
{Approved: June 30, 2022}

The Legislative Ethics Committee (RSA 14-B:2) met on Friday, May 20, 2022, 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, and the Honorable David H. Hess. Attorney John S. Brandte was unable to attend. Also participating was Richard M. Lambert, Executive Administrator.

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

ITEM #1

Consideration of the draft *Minutes* from the Committee's meeting held on April 4, 2022.

Following review, Vice Chairman Sytek, Mr. Hess and Mr. Lambert each suggested a minor revision. Vice Chairman Sytek then moved to adopt the *Minutes* as amended. Mr. Hess seconded the motion and the Committee voted 6-0 to adopt the motion.

ITEM #2

Preliminary Investigation of *Complaint 2022-3*.

Senator Carson moved to enter nonpublic session, pursuant to RSA 14-B:3, I(d), to conduct a Preliminary Investigation of *Complaint 2022-3*. Representative Wall seconded the motion and the Committee voted as follows:

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

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

{MOTION ADOPTED}

Chairman Gordon stated: “We have just voted to come out of nonpublic session having considered *Complaint 2022-3*. As a result, the Committee has elected to continue our Preliminary Investigation of the complaint and will consider it again at our next meeting.”

ITEM #3

Continued Initial Review of *Complaint 2022-2*

Senator Carson moved to enter nonpublic session, pursuant to RSA 14-B:3, I(d), to continue the Initial Review of *Complaint 2022-2*. Senator Rosenwald seconded the motion and the Committee voted as follows:

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

{MOTION ADOPTED}

{NONPUBLIC SESSION}

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

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

{MOTION ADOPTED}

Chairman Gordon stated: “We’ve just come out of nonpublic session having considered *Complaint 2022-2* and during the nonpublic session we agreed to continue our Initial Review of the complaint.”

ITEM #4

Initial Review of *Complaint 2022-5*

Senator Carson moved to enter nonpublic session, pursuant to RSA 14-B:3, I(d), to conduct an Initial Review of *Complaint 2022-5*. Representative Wall seconded the motion and the Committee voted as follows:

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

{MOTION ADOPTED}

{NONPUBLIC SESSION}

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

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

{MOTION ADOPTED}

Chairman Gordon stated: “We just came out of nonpublic session on *Complaint 2022-5* and during our nonpublic session the Committee voted 6-0 to dismiss *Complaint 2022-5* on the basis of a failure to state an ethical violation.”

ITEM #5

Ratification of the Committee’s vote transacted by electronic means to discharge *Complaint 2022-6*.

Chairman Gordon explained, “That was a complaint that ... didn’t give us any jurisdiction over the respondents.... What I did, rather than wait until our next meeting, (was to) send around a proposed dismissal.”

Following a brief discussion, Vice Chairman moved to ratify the Committee’s vote to discharge *Complaint 2022-6*. Mr. Hess seconded the motion and the Committee voted as follows:

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

{MOTION ADOPTED}

ITEM #6

New/Other business.

There was no new or other business.

ITEM #7

Scheduling of the next meeting.

The Committee scheduled a meeting to be held on June 30, 2022, at 1:00 P.M.

The Committee’s meeting adjourned at approximately 3:00 P.M.

{Prepared by Richard M. Lambert, Executive Administrator}