

MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE
JUNE 20, 2023, MEETING
{Approved: October 31, 2023}

The Legislative Ethics Committee (RSA 14-B:2) met on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. in Room 212 of the Legislative Office Building.

The following committee members were present: the Honorable Edward M. Gordon, Chairman, the Honorable Donna Sytek, Vice Chairman, Senator Cindy Rosenwald, Senator Ruth Ward, Representative Janet G. Wall, Representative Bob Lynn, and the Honorable David H. Hess. 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 June 12, 2023.

Vice Chairman Sytek pointed out a typo in the 4 roll call votes in the Minutes in which the word "yes" was used instead of the word "yea." Vice Chairman Sytek then moved to adopt the *Minutes* as amended. Representative Lynn seconded the motion and the Committee voted 6-0, with one abstention, to adopt the motion.

ITEM #2

Continued deliberation on *Complaint 2023-5, Murphy v. Bean* and *Complaint 2023-6, Murphy v. O'Hara*. (Nonpublic Session)

Representative Wall moved to enter nonpublic session, pursuant to RSA 14-B:3, I(d), to deliberate on *Complaint 2023-5* and *Complaint 2023-6*. Representative Lynn seconded the motion and the Committee voted as follows:

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

{MOTION ADOPTED}

{NONPUBLIC SESSION}

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

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

{MOTION ADOPTED}

Chairman Gordon stated: “The Legislative Ethics Committee has completed its review of *Complaints 2023-5* and *2023-6*. We conducted a thorough review based upon the complaints themselves, the responses which we received and testimony we received at our hearings. Having done so, the Legislative Ethics Committee has voted to dismiss both complaints as unfounded. The reasoning for the dismissal will be forthcoming in a letter which will be immediately, after the meeting, sent out to the parties.”

ITEM #3

Continued deliberation on *Complaint 2023-7*. (Nonpublic Session)

Representative Lynn moved to enter nonpublic session, pursuant to RSA 14-B:3, I(d), to deliberate on *Complaint 2023-7*. Senator Rosenwald seconded the motion and the Committee voted as follows:

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

{MOTION ADOPTED}

{NONPUBLIC SESSION}

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

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

{MOTION ADOPTED}

Chairman Gordon stated: “We’re back in public session just coming out of nonpublic session where we continued our initial review of *Complaint 2023-7*. Having considered the complaint and the testimony and responses we received from the complainees and the complainant in conducting our extensive review, the Committee has voted to dismiss the complaint as unfounded and there will be a letter sent out promptly explaining the Committee’s reasoning.”

ITEM #4

New/Other Business.

Chairman Gordon stated that he was continuing to work on the draft of *Advisory Opinion 2023-2* and would be distributing it to the Committee members soon for their review.

ITEM #5

Scheduling of the next meeting.

The Committee will meet next at the call of the chair.

The Committee’s meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45 A.M.

{Prepared by Richard M. Lambert, Executive Administrator}