

MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE
JUNE 30, 2022 MEETING
{Approved: August 8, 2022}

The Legislative Ethics Committee (RSA 14-B:2) met on Thursday, June 30, 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, the Honorable David H. Hess, and Attorney John S. Brandte, who participated by means of a teleconference phone. 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 May 20, 2022.

Following review, Vice Chairman Sytek moved to adopt the *Minutes* as presented. Senator Carson seconded the motion and the Committee voted 7-0 to adopt the motion.

ITEM #2

Continued Preliminary Investigation of *Complaint 2022-3*.

Senator Carson moved to enter nonpublic session, pursuant to RSA 14-B:3, I(d), to continue the 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 Rosenwald	Yea
Chairman Gordon	Yea
Senator Carson	Yea
Attorney Brandte	Yes
Representative Wall	Yea

{MOTION ADOPTED}

{NONPUBLIC SESSION}

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

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

{MOTION ADOPTED}

Chairman Gordon stated: “We have just come out of nonpublic session on *Complaint 2022-3*, and we will continue our Preliminary Investigation.”

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*. Representative Wall seconded the motion and the Committee voted as follows:

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

{MOTION ADOPTED}

{NONPUBLIC SESSION}

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

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

{MOTION ADOPTED}

Chairman Gordon stated: “We have just come out of nonpublic session having addressed *Complaint 2022-2* and we have decided to dismiss the complaint without prejudice and notify the complainant that while other official proceedings are taking place, once those proceedings are completed, that the complainant could refile the complaint if he wishes to do so.”

ITEM #4

Update on 2022 HB 1368, An Act relative to recusal by members of the general court for conflicts of interest.

Mr. Lambert reported on the work session held on June 14 by the House Committee on Legislative Administration on HB 1368, which had been sent to interim study. He said the committee members discussed possibly recommending legislation for a 2023 bill that would require legislators to recuse from participating in most matters in which they have a conflict of interest. Committee member Representative Claire Rouillard agreed to work on language requiring recusal, but with some carve outs allowing legislators to vote on some matters, such as the state operating budget, and on amending the definition of “household member” to include family members who do not live in the same domicile as the legislator. He said the committee plans to meet again to work on the bill in the fall.

ITEM #5

New/Other business.

There was no new or other business.

ITEM #6

Scheduling of the next meeting.

The Committee's next meeting will be at the call of the chair.

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

{Prepared by Richard M. Lambert, Executive Administrator}