

MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE
JUNE 27, 2017 MEETING
{Approved: July 5, 2017}

The Legislative Ethics Committee (RSA 14-B:2) met on Tuesday, June 27, 2017, at 1:00 P.M. in Room 104 of the Legislative Office Building.

The following members were present: the Honorable Donna Sytek, Chairman, Senator Sharon M. Carson, Vice Chairman, Representative Janet G. Wall, Senator Martha Fuller Clark, Representative David A. Welch, Attorney David H. Bradley, and the Honorable David W. Hess. Also present: Richard J. Lehmann, Esq., Senate Legal Counsel, and 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 May 30, 2017.

Following review, Senator Carson moved to approve the *Minutes* as drafted. Representative Welch seconded the motion and the Committee voted 6 to 0 to approve the *Minutes*.

ITEM #2

Continuation of the Initial Review of *Complaint 2017-1*.

Senator Carson moved to enter nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 14-B:3, I(d) to conduct an initial review of *Complaint 2017-1*. Senator Fuller Clark seconded the motion and the Committee voted as follows:

Attorney Bradley	Yea
Senator Fuller Clark	Yea
Chairman Sytek	Yea
Senator Carson	Yea
Representative Wall	(not yet present)
Representative Welch	Yea
Mr. Hess	Yea

{MOTION ADOPTED}

{Nonpublic Session}

Senator Fuller Clark moved to exit nonpublic session. Mr. Hess seconded the motion and the Committee voted as follows:

Attorney Bradley	Yea
Senator Fuller Clark	Yea
Chairman Sytek	Yea
Senator Carson	Yea
Representative Wall	Yea
Representative Welch	Yea
Mr. Hess	Yea

{MOTION ADOPTED}

Chairman Sytek announced that the Committee, in its nonpublic session, took up *Complaint 2017-1* and voted 6 to 1 to dismiss it as they determined it was without merit.

ITEM #3

Update on the Status of 2017 Senate Bill 35, An Act relative to the ethics guidelines of the legislative ethics committee.

Chairman Sytek noted that the bill had been sent to a committee of conference and subsequently passed by the House and Senate. She summarized the bill's changes, including the elimination of membership in "public bodies" as a conflict of interest that had to be disclosed, and clarification of the times when a legislator has to file a Declaration of Intent Form.

The Committee then discussed whether and how they should update the *Ethics Booklet*. After a brief discussion, they determined that copies of the Ethics Guidelines, as amended, should be distributed to all members and staff in an 8.5 by 11 inch printed format.

ITEM #4

New/Other Business.

There was no new/other business.

ITEM #5

Scheduling of the next meeting.

The Committee scheduled its next meeting for Wednesday, July 5, 2017, at 11:00 A.M.

The Committee's meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30 P.M.

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