

MINUTES  
LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE  
JUNE 24, 2019 MEETING  
{ Approved: August 20, 2019 }

The Legislative Ethics Committee (RSA 14-B:2) met on Monday, June 24, 2019, 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, Representative Janet G. Wall, Attorney David H. Bradley, and the Honorable David W. Hess. Senator Martha Fuller Clark was unable to attend. Also present: 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 13, 2019.

Following review, Vice Chairman Sytek moved to approve the *Minutes* as presented. Representative Wall seconded the motion and the Committee voted 4 to 0, with one abstention, to approve the *Minutes*.

ITEM #2

Update on the status of creating an electronic Financial Disclosure Form for 2020.

David Alukonis, the Director of the Office of Legislative Services, addressed the Committee and provided an update on the status of creating an electronic Financial Disclosure Form. Mr. Alukonis informed the Committee that "we are on track to return to the electronic form." He recounted how there wasn't an e-form last year because the company that had provided it free on a trial basis two years ago proved to be too extensive when they were approached for providing an e-form for this past year. He said that "we have been using our own IT (General Court Technology Systems) and the consultants we have with IT, so we're building a system in-house with IT."

Vice Chairman Sytek asked if the new e-form would be ready for the January 2020 filing period.

Mr. Alukonis said IT has told him that "it's an easy build," so he's confident it will be ready.

Chairman Gordon said, "It sounds like you're on top of it," and thanked Mr. Alukonis.

ITEM #3

Continuation of the Initial Review of *Complaint 2019-2*. {Confidential}

Senator Carson moved to enter nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 14-B:3, I(d) to conduct an Initial Review of *Complaint 2019-2*. Representative Wall seconded the motion and the Committee voted as follows:

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

{MOTION ADOPTED}

Chairman Gordon stated: “The Committee has voted to come out of the executive session and, as a result of our executive session, the Committee voted to initiate a Preliminary Investigation, and the parties in the matter will be so notified.”

ITEM #4

Discussion about the final status of *Complaint 2017-3*. {Confidential}

Senator Carson moved to enter nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 14-B:3, I(d) to deliberate on the final status of *Complaint 2017-3*. Representative Wall seconded the motion and the Committee voted as follows:

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

{MOTION ADOPTED}

{NONPUBLIC SESSION}

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

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

{MOTION ADOPTED}

Chairman Gordon stated: “We voted to come out of executive session on *Complaint 2017-3*. As a result of our executive session, we have decided to reconsider the dismissal of that complaint and will be making contact with the complainant.”

ITEM #5

Update on the Status of HB 122, “An Act allowing gifts, grants, and donations on behalf of state and national legislative association events.”

- a. Consideration of adopting a revised “Honorarium or Expense Reimbursement Report.”
- b. Discussion of amending the Ethics Guidelines to conform with the statutory changes.

Mr. Lambert informed the Committee that HB 122 had passed both the House and the Senate and was in the process of being sent to the governor. He distributed copies of the final version of the bill, a draft revised “Honorarium or Expense Reimbursement Report,” and a draft amendment to the Ethics Guidelines for the Committee’s consideration.

After reviewing the draft revised form and draft amendment, the Committee members expressed general approval of them and agreed they would consider adopting them after the bill is signed into law.

ITEM #6

New/Other Business.

{ There was no new or other business. }

ITEM #7

Scheduling of the next meeting.

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

The Committee’s meeting adjourned at approximately 2:45 P.M.

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