

ETHICS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Elaine Harder, Chair of the Ethics Committee, called the second meeting to order at 8:05 am on Monday, March 20, 2000, in Room 10 of the State Office Building.

The Clerk noted the roll.

Members present:

HARDER, Elaine, Chair
MILBERT, Bob, Co Chair
DAVIDS, Greg
MURPHY, Mary

RHODES, Jim, Alternate
WAGENIUS, Jean, Alternate

Members excused:

A quorum was present.

Deb McKnight, House Research, gave an overview of the ethics complaint process.

Presentation by Complainants:

- Rep. Entenza introduced complainants presentation and interviewed Rep. Rest and Rep. Skoglund.
- Rep. Entenza outlined complaints, evidence and transcripts.

Presentation by Respondent:

- Rep. Linder made statements refuting charges.
- Rick Morgan, Attorney, refuted complaints against Rep. Linder.
- Ed Rothman, Rabbi, SEED of Abraham Messianic Congregation

Questions by Committee Members to complainants/respondent.

Rabbi Ed Rothman and Steve Siberfarb, Executive Director, Jewish Community Relations Center (JCRC) addressed questions regarding definitions of anti-semitism.

Rebuttals:

- Rep. Entenza, Complainants
- Rick Morgan, Respondent

Committee recessed at 10:11 am.

Committee reconvened at 9:38 am, March 21, 2000.

Rebuttals Continued:

Complainants:

- Rep. Leighton
- Steve Silberfarb, JCRC
- Rep. Entenza

Respondent:

- Rick Morgan
- Rep. Reuter

Rep. Davids moved that we move into a short recess to meet on the issue of finding probable cause.

Rep. Milbert speaks against Rep. Davids' motion.

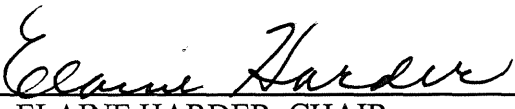
Rep. Davids withdrew his motion.

Rep. Davids moved to adjourn.

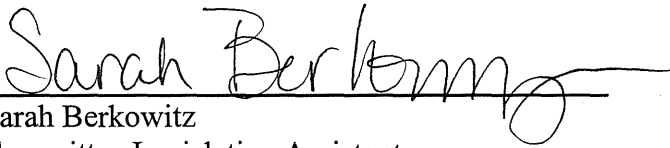
Rep. Davids withdrew his motion.

Rep. Milbert moved that the chair be able to call a meeting of the committee in executive session for the purpose of determining probable cause. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.



REP. ELAINE HARDER, CHAIR



Sarah Berkowitz
Committee Legislative Assistant