

ETHICS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Roxann Daggett, Chair of the Ethics Committee, called the third meeting to order at 4:22 p.m. on Thursday, May 10, 2001, in Room 400 North of the State Office Building.

The Clerk noted the roll.

Members present:

DAGGETT, Roxann, Chair
MILBERT, Bob, Co Chair
DAVIDS, Greg
MURPHY, Mary

RHODES, Jim, Alternate
KUBLY, Gary, Alternate

A quorum was present.

Rep. Davids moved adoption of the Friday, April 27, 2001, minutes. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Rep. Milbert moved adoption of the proposed committee agenda for the Thursday, May 10, 2001, meeting. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Chair Daggett presented remarks on the process of the committee meeting.

Beginning at 4:25 p.m. - Rep. Skoglund presented information on the complaint that was filed by the following members: Tom Pugh; Wes Skoglund; Irv Anderson; Margaret Anderson Kelliher; against Rep. Jim Abeler in order to establish probable cause. (Refer to exhibit packet.)

David Schultz, attorney and professor, Hamline University, testified in support of the filed complaint.

Testimony concluded at 4:53 p.m.

Chair Daggett entertained a question and answer period after the testimony.

Committee members asked questions of Rep. Skoglund and Mr. Schultz.

Rick Morgan, attorney representing Rep. Jim Abeler, asked questions of Rep. Skoglund and Mr. Schultz.

Question and answers concluded at 5:23 p.m.

Beginning at 5:25 p.m. - Rep. Abeler presented information in response to the filed complaint.

Mr. Morgan testified against the filed complaint. (Refer to exhibit packet.)

Rep. Kuisle testified against the filed complaint.

Senator Gen Olson testified against the filed complaint.

Testimony concluded at 5:55 p.m.

Chair Daggett entertained a question and answer period after the testimony.

Committee members asked questions of Rep. Abeler and Mr. Morgan.

Michael J. Wagner Jr., leasing agent for Rep. Abeler's charter schools, assisted with answers.

Rep. Skoglund asked questions of Mr. Morgan.

Question and answers concluded at 6:24 p.m.

Beginning at 6:25 p.m. - Rep. Skoglund presented closing remarks on the filed complaint.

Closing remarks concluded at 6:30 p.m.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m. - Mr. Morgan presented closing remarks on the filed complaint.

Closing remarks concluded at 6:39 p.m.

Rep. Davids moved to go into executive session 15 minutes after the House adjourns tomorrow.

Chair Davids stated that she would like to split the motion.

Rep. Davids moved to go into executive session.

Chair Daggett entertained discussion amongst committee members.

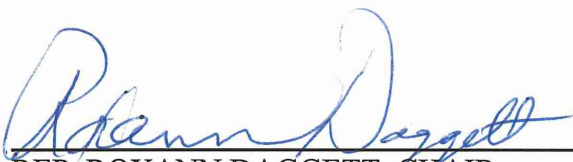
Rep. Davids renewed his motion. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was recessed and the committee members went into executive session at 6:45 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened with a Call Back to Order at 8 a.m. on Friday, May 18, 2001.

Chair Daggett read a prepared statement of the committee's findings for probable cause. No probable cause was found.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 a.m.



REP. ROXANN DAGGETT, CHAIR



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Committee Legislative Assistant