

ETHICS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Sondra Erickson, Chair of the Ethics Committee, called the third meeting to order at 7:34PM on Monday, March 31, 2003, in Room 400 North of the State Office Building.

The Clerk noted the roll.

Members present:

ERICKSON, Sondra, Chair  
PUGH, Tom, Vice Chair  
DAVIDS, Greg  
MURPHY, Mary  
MAHONEY, Tim (Alternate)  
RHODES, Jim (Alternate)

A quorum was present.

Rep. Pugh moved the minutes: March 24, 2003. **THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED.**

The Committee considered a request by the attorney for the Respondent in the matter of the complaint against Rep. Arlon Lindner to authorize issuance of subpoenas per Minnesota Statutes 3.153

Deb McKnight, House Research Analysis, presented an overview of the statutory authority of standing committees to issue subpoenas. She explained that the basic authorization required a 2/3 vote and that if the subpoenas were to be issued within seven days, an additional majority vote is required for that.

Rep. Davids moved to authorize the issuance of subpoenas for the Respondent per Minnesota Statutes 3.153.

There was discussion among members Pugh, Davids, Mahoney, and Murphy and House Research Analyst McKnight about the history and requirements of legislative subpoenas.

Chair Erickson read Rule No. 4 of the Committee Rules of Procedure regarding due process.

Rep. Davids stated that perhaps subpoenas are not required.

Rep. Pugh stated that Rule No. 4 does not compel persons to appear for questioning.

Rep. Davids renewed his motion to authorize the issuance of subpoenas for the Respondent per Minnesota Statutes 3.153. **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.**

With consent of the committee, the Chair recognized James Anderson, Attorney for the Respondent, for two minutes, and recognized Rep. Ellison and Rep. Latz, who represented the Complainants for two minutes.

The Chair reported on the format of the April 7<sup>th</sup> hearing and requested Committee Administrator Blair Tremmer, to explain the order of business.

Rep. Pugh stated that he had reviewed the procedure and that it was acceptable.

Rep. Erickson confirmed that the next meeting would be on April 7, 2003 at 6:30PM in Room 10, State Office Building. The meeting purpose is to conduct the investigative hearing

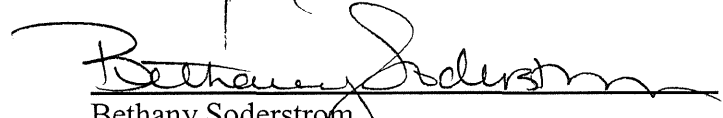
in the matter of the complaint against Rep. Lindner. The meeting time may be at the Call of the Chair, depending upon the duration of the House Floor Session.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07PM.



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REP. SONDRA ERICKSON, CHAIR



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