

**Rules and Administration Subcommittee on Ethical Conduct**

**Monday, June 13, 2011**

**1:30 PM, Room 107, Capitol**

**Minutes**

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Present: Senator Michelle L. Fischbach, Chair, Senator John M. Harrington,  
Senator Bill Ingebrigtsen, Senator Kathy Sheran

Absent: No Members Absent

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Senator Michelle L. Fischbach called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Senator Fischbach introduced new member, Senator Harrington.

**Complaint by Senator Rest regarding Senator Hoffman**

Senator Fischbach swore in the witnesses, Senator Rest and Senator Hoffman.

Senator Rest presented her complaint.

Senator Rest responded to questions from the committee.

Senator Hoffman/Knaak had no questions for Senator Rest.

Senator Hoffman's Counsel (Knaak) presented their response.

Mr. Knaak responded to questions from the committee.

Senator Rest had no questions for Mr. Knaak.

Senator Rest presented her rebuttal.

Senator Rest responded to questions from the committee.

Mr. Knaak presented their rebuttal.

Mr. Knaak responded to questions from the committee.

The committee began deliberation of their decision.

Senator Sheran moved that the committee find probable cause.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

Senator Sheran moved the committee recess to allow Senate Counsel to draft a Resolution.

**MOTION PREVAILED**

The committee recessed at 3:40 p.m.

The committee reconvened at 4:25 p.m.

The Resolution was distributed.

The committee continued deliberation.

Senator Ingebrigtsen moved to delete item "1. Senator Gretchen M. Hoffman shall make a written apology to the Senate." and "3. Senator Hoffman shall make an apology through the Twitter online communication service." and in item number 4. delete "three apologies" and insert apology".

Senator Fischbach moved an amendment to the amendment to add at the end of item number 2, "in a form submitted to and accepted by the Subcommittee on Ethical conduct" and in item number 4, after apology, add "as accepted by the Subcommittee on Ethical Conduct".

**MOTION FAILED**

Senator Sheran moved to delete item number 1, incorporate Fischbach's previous amendment to the amendment, and amend item number 3 to "Senator Hoffman shall retract her original tweet and link to her written apology to Senator Goodwin through the Twitter online communication."

**MOTION FAILED**

Senator Sheran moved to delete item number 1, add an item to read "Senator Hoffman shall delete her original tweet regarding Senator Goodwin's comments regarding S.F. 760.", amend item number 3 to "Senator Hoffman shall tweet link to the Subcommittee on Ethical Conduct's Resolution on this matter and a description of it.", and item number 4 to read "Upon compliance by Senator Hoffman with the requirements of this resolution, the chair of the Subcommittee on Ethical Conduct shall dismiss the complaints."

**MOTION PREVAILED**

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The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.



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Senator Michelle L. Fischbach, Chair



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Brooke Listug, Legislative Assistant