

**Rules and Administration Subcommittee on Ethical Conduct**

**Friday, March 23, 2012**

**12 Noon, Room 112, 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 12:10 PM

**Probable Cause Hearing Regarding Complaint Filed by Senator Sandra Pappas against  
Senator Geoff Michel.**

Senator Fischbach discussed the procedural process for the probable cause hearing.  
Senator Fischbach allowed the subcommittee to ask any process related questions  
Senator Sheran requested that the subcommittee have testifiers, if needed

Senator Fischbach swore in the witnesses, Senator Pappas and Senator Michel

Senator Pappas presented her complaint - a typed copy was distributed  
Senator Fischbach allowed questions from the subcommittee - no questions were asked.  
Senator Michel/ Mr. Bob Mayer had no questions for Senator Pappas

Senator Michel presented his response  
Senator Michel responded to questions from Senator Pappas

Senator Fischbach reminded the subcommittee to tread carefully because of possible litigation  
against the Minnesota State Senate

Senator Michel responded to additional questions from Senator Pappas

Senator Fischbach allowed questions from the subcommittee members

Senator Ingebrigtsen asks to remove Steve Sviggum's statement from Senator Pappas' complaint on  
the basis that Mr. Sviggum was not a Minnesota Senate employee during the timeframe in question

Senator Pappas presented her rebuttal  
Senator Pappas responded to questions from the subcommittee

Senator Michel and his Counsel (Mr. Mayer) presented their rebuttal  
Senator Michel and his Counsel (Mr. Mayer) responded to questions from the subcommittee

The subcommittee began deliberation of their decision  
Senator Fischbach restated the question before the subcommittee

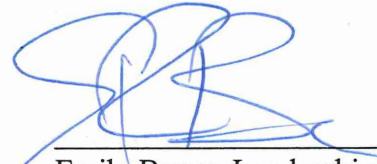
Senator Ingebrigtsen moved that the subcommittee find no probable cause.  
**MOTION FAILED**

Senator Sheran moved that the subcommittee find probable cause.  
**MOTION FAILED**

Senator Sheran moved that the subcommittee recess until after Session.  
**MOTION PREVAILED**

The committee recessed at 2:35 PM

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Senator Michelle L. Fischbach, Chair  
Emily Boyer, Leadership Assistant