## Minnesota State Senate

Rules and Administration Subcommittee on Ethical Conduct Wednesday, June 8, 2022 10:00 AM, Room 123, Capitol

## Minutes

Present: Senator David J. Osmek - Chair, Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Senator Mary Kiffmeyer, Senator Patricia Torres Ray

**Absent: No Members Absent** 

Senator David J. Osmek called the meeting to order at 10.04 a.m. A quorum was present.

Consideration of ethical conduct complaints filed against Senator Omar Fateh.

Complainants who were present were Senators Eichorn, Mathews, Newman, Jasinski, Johnson, Goggin, and Koran. Senators Koran and Newman were the spokesmen for the group.

Respondants were Senator Fateh and Kristin Hendrick, attorney at Trautmann Martin Law PLLC.

## **Complainant documents**

Senator Koran presented evidence on behalf of the complainants regarding complaint number one:

Senator Fateh violated Senate Rule 56.3 and 56.4 by failing to disclose a conflict of interest, despite receiving primary election campaign from Somali TV of Minnesota free of charge and subsequently authoring legislation appropriating \$500,000 to the same organization.

## **Respondent documents**

Kristin Hendrick, attorney for Senator Fateh, presented the respondant's evidence to complaint number one.

Discussion by subcommittee members, Senator Koran, Senator Fateh, and Ms. Hendrick.

The meeting recessed at 12:21 p.m. to reconvene on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Senator David J. Osmek, Chair

Wendy Haavisto, Leadership Assistant