Minnesota State Senate

Rules and Administration Subcommittee on Ethical Conduct Wednesday, June 15, 2022 9:00 AM, Room 1100, Minnesota Senate Bldg.

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 9:16 a.m. A quorum was present.

Call to order

Consideration of ethical conduct complaints filed against Senator Omar Fateh.

- a) Continued discussion of complaint one
- b) Complainants' presentation of complaint two
- c) Respondent's presentation
- d) Rebuttals

Chair Osmek outlined expectations for the meeting.

a) Continued discussion. Megan Engelhardt, Campaign Finance Board, answered questions from the subcommittee.

The subcommittee recessed at 10:38 a.m.

The subcommittee reconvened at 10:55 a.m.

- b) Complainants who were present were Senators Eichorn, Mathews, Newman, Jasinski, and Koran. Senators Koran and Newman were the spokesmen for the group and presented complaint two.
- c) Respondants were Senator Fateh and Kristin Hendrick, attorney at Trautmann Martin Law PLLC.
- d) Rebuttals, committee discussion, and closing arguments.

Deliberation by Subcommittee

Chair Osmek moved that the subcommittee convene into Executive Session. Motion carried. The subcommittee moved into Executive Session at 12:37 p.m.

The subcommittee reconvened at 1:48 p.m.

Chair Osmek moved that the subcommittee authorize the issuance of a subpoena pursuant to Minnesota State Statute, section 3.153 to compel the testimony of Sayed Salah and Dawson Kimyon at the next meeting of the subcommittee and that the chair be authorized to work with Senate Counsel and other members of the subcommittee to prepare the subpoenas. Motion prevailed.

Chair Osmek moved to direct staff to obtain and provide to members of the subcommittee a copy of the grand jury transcript that has been referenced during these proceedings regarding Mr. Kimyon. Motion prevailed.

Adjourn

The meeting recessed at 1:51 p.m. to reconvene on Thursday, July 7, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Senator David J. Osmek, Chair

Wendy Haavisto, Leadership Assistant