

Minnesota State Senate

Rules and Administration Subcommittee on Ethical Conduct
Wednesday, July 27, 2022
12 Noon, 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 12:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

Consideration and investigation of ethical conduct complaints filed against Senator Omar Fateh.

- a) Swearing in of testifiers
- b) Testimony of Siyad Salah and Matthew Bergeron, attorney
- c) Testimony of Dawson Kimyon and William Dooling, attorney

Chair Osmek administered the oath to the witnesses.

The subcommittee members asked questions of and heard testimony from Mr. Siyad Salah and his attorney, Mr. Matthew Bergeron. Mr. Ahmed Shiiraah interpreted for Mr. Salah.

The subcommittee members asked questions of Mr. Dawson Kimyon and his attorney, Mr. William Dooling.

The subcommittee recessed at 12:56 p.m.

Deliberation by Subcommittee

The subcommittee reconvened at 1:56 p.m.

Chair Osmek moved to dismiss complaint 2 in its entirety. Discussion. Motion prevailed.

Discussion of complaint 1. Chair Osmek moved that the Subcommittee find that the portion of the complaint regarding allegation of quid pro quo was not sustained; that the allegations regarding Campaign Finance Board violations concerning Senator Fateh's treatment of payments to Somali TV were sustained; and that Senator Fateh be required to attend further training with the Minnesota Campaign Finance Board. The Chair further moved that the Subcommittee's findings and recommendations be forwarded to the Rules Committee. Discussion. Motion prevailed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.



Senator David J. Osmek, Chair



Wendy Haavisto, Leadership Assistant