

Minnesota State Senate

Rules and Administration Subcommittee on Ethical Conduct
Monday, May 5, 2025
9:00 AM, 1100 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

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Minutes

Present: Senator Sandra L. Pappas - **Chair**, Senator Mary K. Kunesch, Senator Andrew Mathews, Senator Jeremy R. Miller
Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Sandra L. Pappas called the meeting to order at 9:06am

Senate Rule 55.2 Request - Advisory Opinion

Testifiers:
- Lexi Stangl, Director of Senate Counsel, Research and Fiscal Analysis

Senator Miller moves adoptions of the advisory opinion.

Ethics Complaint - April 10, 2025

Testifiers:
- Senator Michael E. Kreun
- Senator Bobby Joe Champion
- David Zoll, Attorney, Lockridge Grindal Nauen

Senator Pappas called a recess at 10:55am

Senator Pappas called the meeting back to order at 12:40pm

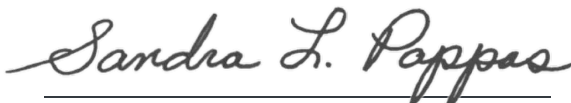
Senator Matthews moves that the subcommittee find a violation of senate rule 56.3 and that Senator Champion betrayed the public trust by not disclosing his relationship with his legal client when authoring SF 2970 in the 2023 legislative session and SF 2978 in the current session. MOTION FAILS

Senator Kunesch moves that the subcommittee find that there's no probable cause to believe that improper conduct has occurred and that the complaint be dismissed. MOTIONS FAILS

Senator Miller moves that is there is probable clause to believe conduct outlined in the complaint has violated senate rules and the subcommittee proceed with an investigation. MOTION FAILS

Senator Miller moves that there is probable clause and the subcommittee should defer committee action until a date to be determined. MOTIONS FAILS

The meeting was adjourned at 12:54pm


Senator Sandra L. Pappas


Maryam Arab, Legislative Assistant