

COMMITTEE MINUTES for ETHICS

Date: March 15, 2012

Place: Room 102

Convened: 3/15/2012
12:05 PM

Recessed:

Reconvened:

Adjourned: 3/15/2012
1:00 PM

Present: Representatives Koester-CH, Raecker-VC, Thede-RM, Kelley, Smith, M., Van Engelenhoven

Absent: None

Excused: None

Representative Kevin Koester, CH, called the meeting to order. Roll was called and all present. The minutes of the February 8, 2012 were approved with spelling correction.

Committee discussed complaint filed by Jake Highfill against State Representative Erik Helland.

The committee discussed The House Code of Ethics, Chapter 68B, Rule 5 and section 722.1 as the areas pertaining to the complaint.

After much reasoned discussion, it was determined that the Committee desired more information to make their decision and asked the LSA to provide the following information ASAP:

The motion was made to request that LSA provide the information below to inform or advise a formal Ethics Committee decision. All voted aye.

1. Facts of Law: any cases similar to this handled by outside council or ethics committee.
2. Interpretation of statute "otherwise engage to serve in a public capacity"
3. Percentage of cases handled by committee or outside council.

Motion to reconvene Monday, March 19, 2012.

Representative Kevin Koester

Darlene Van Oort, Committee Secretary