

House Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for ETHICS

Date: *November 30, 2021*

Location: *Conference Call*

Convened: *1:00 PM*

Adjourned: *1:25 PM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Osmundson-CH, Gustafson-VC, Kurth-RM, Jacobsen

Absent:

Excused: Representatives Abdul-Samad, Gaines

The conference call Ethics meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Chairwoman Osmundson who took attendance. All are present but Representative Abdul-Samad and Representative Gaines who are excused until they arrived.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Chairwoman Osmundson opened discussion of the Dahl/Hite complaint. There was a motion made by Representative Jacobsen to dismiss the complaint with prejudice, not only because it was without merit but also because, upon full committee due diligence review, it did not meet the threshold requisites as to proper form. This motion was seconded by Representative Gustafson. Chairwoman asked for a committee vote which was 3-1. The motion to dismiss the complaint passes. (Yeas were Osmundson, Gustafson, Jacobsen with two absent, Representative Abdul-Samad and Representative Gaines). Chairwoman Osmundson stated that letters will be sent to Ms. Dahl and Representative Hite to explain the outcome of this meeting and complaint.

Chairwoman Osmundson followed up from previous business from the previous Ethics meeting. She has checked with LSA about writing a letter to the Heritage Foundation stressing the lobbying dos and don'ts and the committee decided that it wasn't needed. Representative Jacobsen stated that he was going to write a letter on his official letterhead to remind them of the State of Iowa Lobbying rules and procedures.

Representative Jacobsen then made a motion to have the Ethics committee entertain having Nick Critelli do one hour of continuing education for Legislators about Ethics and procedures. This is to be previewed by the Ethics Committee as a potential class to be offered in the second session of the 89th General Assembly. This motion was seconded by Representative Gustafson. Chairwoman Osmundson asked for a voice vote and stated the motion passed.

There was a motion to adjourn by Representative Jacobsen which was seconded by Representative Kurth at 1:25 p.m.

Representative Anne Osmundson

Meghan Nelson, Committee Secretary

