

MINUTES
HOUSE ETHICS AND HOUSE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, March 23, 2022
TIME: Upon Recess
PLACE: Room EW41
MEMBERS: Chairman Dixon, Representatives Horman, Crane, McCrostie, Gannon, Barbieri, Young, Green, Chew
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

Chairman Dixon reviewed the newest draft of the rule which has the strikeouts and additions to House Rule 45. The committee discussed and reviewed what had been changed. During review of the draft, **Rep. Horman** said she believed on page 5, sections 5 and 6, lines 23 and 24 are covered in page 4 lines 29 and 30 unless legal council thinks there is value in restating them, otherwise there would be no ability for the committee to govern itself. **Rep. McCrostie** said on page 5, lines 29 through 30 should be put back in. He said discussion was to not get locked in to a particular format but for the committee to have the flexibility to create its own rules, he would be in favor of restoring page 5, lines 25 through 30.

Rep. Green mentioned a minor edit on page 4, line 34 to change "him" to a neutral gender. **Rep. Crane** asked to add "a" in the language at the bottom of page 3 and top of page 4. **Rep. Horman** had a legal question in the same paragraph regarding redaction. Knowing other people's names may need to be redacted who were drawn in by association, she questioned if the committee would legally be able to redact those names when documents became public. **Kolby Reddish**, LSO legal council, said the Constitution gives the House the ability to create its own rules. The rule would give the committee and any future committee a lot of discretion to redact what is necessary. **Rep. Crane** mentioned on lines 2 and 4 the complainant and respondent could have unredacted copies. Mr. Reddish said unredacted copies could be provided but it would be an ethical violation to release the unredacted copies.

Kristin Ford, LSO drafter recapped the suggested changes made by the committee.

MOTION: **Rep. Gannon** made a motion to adopt draft 460 with the changes discussed incorporated therein. A roll call vote was requested. **The motion carried by a vote of 9 AYE, 0 NAY, 0 ABSENT/EXCUSED.** Voting in favor of the motion: **Reps. Horman, Crane, McCrostie, Gannon, Barbieri, Young, Green, Chew and Chairman Dixon.**

Chairman Dixon expressed his appreciation for the committee's work. **Rep. Crane** said he wanted it known publicly and on the record how the committee had done at least 30 hours of work in the revision of this rule whether it comes at the end or beginning of the session. He said there was a tremendous amount of work put into this piece of legislation.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Representative Dixon
Chair

Susan Werlinger
Secretary