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LEGISLATIVE ETHICS BOARD MINUTES July 9, 2024

Present were: Tom Hoemann, Chair; Pam Tajima Praeger, Vice-Chair (virtual); Sen. Jamie Pedersen; Sen. Chris Gildon; Larry Hoff (virtual); Rep. Mike Steele (virtual); Rep. David Hackney (virtual); Steve O'Ban (virtual); Jennifer Strus, Board Counsel; Jeannie Gorrell, Senate Counsel; Suchi Sharma, Senate Counsel (virtual); Ohad Lowy, House Counsel (virtual)

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

The minutes for the May 21, 2024 Board meeting were approved.

The chair mentioned that the TVW link to the public portion of the meetings will be included on the minutes from now on.

The Board reviewed the Employment Disclosure form submitted by Gretchen Mazikowski and found no conflict.

The Board discussed the most recent draft of Advisory Opinion 2024 – No. 1 regarding the criteria the Board reviews when determining whether an employment or contract disclosure presents a conflict. The Board determined that the bullets containing the criteria should be reordered by topic and that a sentence be added that the criteria is not listed in order of priority and that the Board looks at the totality of the circumstances when determining whether there is a conflict. Counsel is to circulate a new draft to the Board for review and approval.

Board counsel summarized the request for an Advisory Opinion submitted by John Handy. The request asks whether the Caucus communication staff is required to remove comments posted on official social media platforms that contain campaign material and, if so, what is the definition of campaign material. After a robust conversation, the Board directed counsel to put together a draft for the Board's consideration at the August Board meeting.

There was no public testimony.

The public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

The next meeting of the Board is August 16, 2024.

The Board then moved into executive session to discuss pending complaints.

The executive session was adjourned at 11:30 am.



Tom Hoemann, Chair

Date: 9/11/24

**The entirety of the public portion of this meeting can be viewed on TVW at the attached link
<https://tvw.org/video/legislative-ethics-board-2024071016/?eventID=2024071016>**