

# IOWA ETHICS AND CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE BOARD

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**BOARD MEMBERS:**  
James Albert, Chair  
John Walsh, Vice Chair  
Carole Tillotson  
Jonathan Roos  
Mary Rueter  
Elaine Olson

## MEETING MINUTES

November 15, 2018 at noon

State Capitol Building, Room G19 (Ground Floor)  
1007 E. Grand Avenue, Des Moines IA

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Albert calls meeting to order at 12:04 pm. Albert calls roll and all members present.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Walsh, second by Olson to approve minutes of open and closed session for meeting held on September 20, 2018. All ayes, motion carries.

### III. COMPLAINTS

1. Request for Investigation re: Dan Kelley for State Representative and Rebel Snodgrass for Iowa re: alleged false attribution statement, alleged in-kind contributions from corporation, alleged campaign expenditure using cash, alleged PAC established by a legislative candidate; alleged in-kind contribution from one candidate committee to another candidate committee

Motion by Rueter, second by Tillotson to investigate Snodgrass, Kelley, their committees, and any other actors or entities regarding these allegations. All ayes, motion carries.

2. Complaint against Kim Reynolds for Iowa re: request to investigate in-kind flights

Motion by Walsh, second by Olson to table complaint pending judicial review of Dickey complaint. All ayes, motion carries.

3. Complaint against Kim Reynolds for Iowa and Bruce Rastetter re: request to investigate contributions during session

Motion by Olson, second by Tillotson to table complaint pending judicial review of Dickey complaint. All ayes, motion carries.

4. Complaint against Hubbell for Governor re: alleged failure to report expenditures by consultants

Motion by Roos, second by Walsh to direct Tooker to draft an advisory opinion for future board consideration addressing what information the board expects to be included on consultant schedules. All ayes, motion carries.

Motion by Olson, second by Rueter to dismiss complaint on grounds that Hubbell committee's amendments to reports is sufficient remedial action. All ayes, motion carries.

5. Complaint against Friends of Tod Bowman re: alleged attribution statement violation and alleged use of government moneys for political purposes

Motion by Tillotson, second by Walsh to admonish committee for failure to include attribution statement on screen for a minimum of four seconds and to find the rest of the complaint legally sufficient and order an investigation. All ayes, motion carries.

6. Complaint against Amber Gustafson for Iowa re: alleged misuse of government moneys for political purposes

Motion by Rueter, second by Walsh to find complaint legally sufficient and order investigation. All ayes, motion carries.

7. Complaint against DeJear for Iowa re: alleged improper statement of organization and alleged acceptance of impermissible campaign contributions

Motion by Rueter, second by Olson to dismiss on grounds the allegations will be handled during audit. All ayes, motion carries.

8. Complaint against Daniel Kolacia re: alleged misuse of public moneys for political purposes

Motion by Walsh, second by Roos to dismiss complaint and refer to county attorney (other than Boone's) and state ombudsman to investigate for possible misuse of body cameras.

9. Complaint against Todd Nuccio re: alleged failure to discipline a judicial officer

Motion Walsh, second by Roos to dismiss on grounds not legally sufficient. All ayes, motion carries.

10. Complaint against Brand Ranking Solutions and Poweshiek County Republican Party re: alleged unreported in-kind contributions

Motion to dismiss, second by Tillotson on ground complaint is not legally sufficient. All ayes, motion carries.

11. Complaint against Ruth Ann Gaines for State Representative re: alleged failure to file October 19<sup>th</sup> report

Motion by Rueter, second by Olson to dismiss complaint on grounds committee will be automatically assessed civil penalty of \$200 under rule 4.59 for late-filed report. All ayes, motion carries.

12. Complaint against Goodwin4Iowa re: alleged signs on corporate property
13. Complaints against Broeker for Supervisor re: alleged signs on corporate property

Motion by Roos, second by Tillotson to dismiss complaints in #12 and #13 on grounds the committees' prompt removal of campaign signs is sufficient remedial action.

Tillotson leaves at 1:59pm.

#### **IV. LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

1. Amend section 8.7
2. Amend section 68A.405
3. Amend section 68A.505
4. Amend section 68B.3

Consensus is to re-work legislative proposal for section 68A.505 and discuss at telephonic meeting to be held week after Thanksgiving. Olson says she would like Board to consider legislation to allow candidate's to use campaign funds for child care purposes. Tooker says she will draft child care bill for Board to consider at same telephonic meeting.

Motion by Roos, second by Olson to propose legislation to amend Iowa Code sections 8.7, 68A.405 and 68B.3. All ayes, motion carries.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Walsh, second by Olson to adjourn. All ayes, motion carries. Board adjourns at approximately 2:11 pm.

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