

**MINUTES
of the
INTERIM LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMITTEE**

**October 21, 2019
State Capitol, Room 309
Santa Fe**

The Interim Legislative Ethics Committee was called to order by Senator Linda M. Lopez, co-chair, on Monday, October 21, 2019, at 10:40 a.m. in Room 309 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Sen. Linda M. Lopez, Co-Chair
Rep. Phelps Anderson
Rep. Gail Armstrong
Sen. Pete Campos
Rep. Kelly K. Fajardo
Sen. Stuart Ingle
Sen. Mary Kay Papen
Sen. William H. Payne
Rep. Debra M. Sariñana
Sen. William E. Sharer
Sen. Peter Wirth

Absent

Rep. D. Wonda Johnson, Co-Chair
Rep. Joanne J. Ferrary
Rep. Javier Martínez
Sen. Steven P. Neville
Rep. Greg Nibert

Staff

Raúl E. Burciaga, Director, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Amy Chavez-Romero, Assistant Director for Drafting Services, LCS
Jon Boller, Senior Staff Attorney, LCS
Erin Bond, Research Assistant, LCS

Monday, October 21

Welcome, Introductions and Committee Business

Senator Lopez welcomed members of the committee to the meeting. Committee members introduced themselves. On a motion by Senator Campos, seconded by Representative Armstrong, the committee approved without objection the minutes from the June 24, 2019 meeting.

Consideration of Request for Advisory Opinion Regarding Standards of Ethical Conduct for Legislators Who Are Attorneys or Other Professionals

Senator Lopez thanked Senator Wirth and Representative Nibert for volunteering their time to review the advisory opinion that was before the committee, and Senator Wirth thanked Senator Daniel A. Ivey-Soto for his contributions to the process. Senator Lopez asked Mr. Boller to present the draft opinion to the committee.

Mr. Boller explained that the scope of the draft opinion was expanded to give guidance to all legislators who are engaged in the conduct of their professions while serving in the legislature, given that the House Rules and Senate Rules treat attorneys and other professionals in the same manner. These rules, he noted, are under the sole jurisdiction of and enforceable by the respective house of origin, in contrast to certain statutes and constitutional provisions also outlined in the opinion, which may be enforced by the attorney general and the courts. Mr. Boller proceeded to summarize the main points of the opinion and stood for questions.

On a motion by Senator Wirth, seconded by Representative Sarinaña, the committee approved adoption of Advisory Opinion 19-02 without objection.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the committee adjourned at 11:10 a.m.