

**\*\*\* PUBLIC SESSION \*\*\***

**NEW HAMPSHIRE EXECUTIVE BRANCH ETHICS COMMITTEE**

**SHEEHAN PHINNEY BASS + GREEN PA  
WASHINGTON ROOM**

**August 3, 2016**

**8:20 AM (Quorum having been reached)**

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Meeting called to order by Chairman Joseph DiBrigida, Jr.

Present: Dale Kuehne, Greg Silverman, Alan Johnson, Jim Normand

Also present: Deputy Attorney General Ann Rice

- 8:21, Chairman DiBrigida called for roll call vote to go immediately into non-public session, the vote was unanimous.
- 9:15 Public session resumed, Jim Normand, moved to seal the minutes, Greg Silverman gave the second, minutes were sealed. Recess was called
- 9:25 Back in session, Jim Normand moved to approve March 2, 2016 minutes after correction of small typo, Alan Johnson seconded the motion and the minutes were approved. Alan Johnson moved to approve the April 6, 2016 minutes, Greg Silverman, gave the second, minutes were approved.
- Chairman DiBrigida requested review of the Draft Advisory Opinion regarding “swag” from conferences and whether that or raffle drawings violated the prohibition of gifts under RSA 15-B. It was discussed that the reference to a \$25.00 amount should be removed and changed to “insignificant amount”, given that the \$25.00 amount goes back to 2006 and everything costs more now. The draft will be finalized and presented for signatures at the next meeting.
- The Advisory Opinion regarding gift baskets, prepared by Greg Silverman was approved with just a couple of small edits. It will be finalized and presented at next month’s meeting for signatures.
- Ann Rice reviewed 2016 Senate Bill 400, relative to the executive branch ethics committee, which the Governor signed. She will review the draft rules in light of the new legislation and make recommendations to the committee for amendments.
- There was a brief discussion about the situation of committee appointments, which positions were vacant, and who were holdovers.

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:00

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Cawelti  
Recording Secretary