Meeting called to order by Chairman Joseph DiBrigida, Jr.

Present: Alan Johnson, Dorothy Graham, Jim Normand, Greg Silverman

Absent: Dale Kuehne

Also present: Deputy Attorney General Ann Rice

- Ann Rice welcomed our new committee, Greg Silverman, who is an appointee from Treasury.

- Ann Rice presented results from the Senate Hearing on Senate Bill 400, which will resolve the statutory ambiguities identified by the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules. Ann reported that the hearing went well and there were no questions or problems with anything that had been submitted. She explained that the amendment would allow EBEC committee members to participate in partisan political campaigns in the Federal election process, but not state or local campaigns. Chairman DiBrigida asked about the timeframe for getting through the House and Ann felt that it would be another month or so.

- There were no new complaints filed.

- Ann Rice explained that the AG’s office meets with newly appointed state commissioners and one of the topics she reviews with them is the gift statute, RSA 15-B. In a recent meeting, the newly appointed commissioners asked questions about the application of RSA 15-G. Deputy AG Rice asked the Committee if they would consider issuing an Advisory Opinion to clarify the matter for all the state employees affected by the gift statute. There were three main questions raised by the new Commissioners: (1) If a state employee goes to a work-related conference and receives “swag,” is that a gift; (2) If a state employee goes to a work-related conference, enters a raffle that is available to all attendees, and wins, may the employee accept the prize; and (3) A state agency receives a delivery of a gift basket of food from a satisfied customer. How should the agency respond? After an extended discussion about the issues, Greg Silverman volunteered to draft an opinion responsive to question 3 and Ann Rice volunteered to draft an opinion.
for questions 1 and 2, for review at the next meeting.

- Minutes from the Public Session were reviewed, Alan Johnson moved to approve and Dorothy Graham seconded. Motion carried.

- Minutes from Non-Public Session Jim Normand moved to approve and Alan Johnson seconded, motion carried. Greg Silverman abstained from the votes because he was not in attendance.

- Alan Johnson brought up an article from November in the Concord Monitor in which NH gets a D- grade in 2015 State Integrity Investigation, the story came from Center for Public Integrity. A copy of the article will sent to all committee members.

- 9:55 Jim Normand made motion to adjourn, Greg Silverman seconded, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

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Recording Secretary