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**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS
JANUARY 15, 2026, 2:30 PM**

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1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chair Joyce Anderson convened the full meeting of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics on January 15, 2026, at 2:37 PM. She directed Administrator Kevin Reeve to conduct roll call.

Roll Call

Chair Joyce Anderson
Committee Member Skip Cook
Committee Member Conner Thomas
Committee Member Carl White
Representative Kevin McCabe
Representative Alyse Galvin
Senator Gary Stevens
Senator Robert Yundt (Absent)

Others

Administrator Kevin Reeve
Ethics Administrative Assistant Jacqueline Yeagle
Ethics Administrative Assistant Jamie Benton

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2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (+)

Chair Anderson entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Senator Gary Stevens so moved. There were no objections.

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3. CHAIR OF THE FULL COMMITTEE

Chair Anderson cited AS 24.60.130(d), which provides that “the chair selected by the House Subcommittee shall serve as chair of the full committee beginning on the first day of the regular session in even-numbered years,” and introduced Conner Thomas as the incoming Chair of the Full Committee.

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4. PUBLIC MEMBER VACANCIES

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Administrator Reeve reported that he had confirmed with the Chief Justice that one application had been received from an individual outside the Committee and that the Chief Justice had acted on that application. He further stated that one current Committee member had expressed willingness to serve an additional term; however, that action had not yet been completed due to the Chief Justice being in travel status. Administrator Reeve noted that the Chief Justice anticipates making appointments and transmitting them to House and Senate leadership by January 21, the second day of session. He added that he could provide additional information during executive session if requested.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (+)

a. Full committee meeting minutes - November 21, 2025

Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Carl White. No objections. Motion passed.

b. House Subcommittee meeting minutes - November 21, 2025

Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Carl White. No objections. Motion passed.

c. Senate Subcommittee meeting minutes - November 21, 2025

Motion to approve the minutes as presented by Senator Stevens. No objections. Motion passed.

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6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Anderson opened the meeting to public comment. There was no public comment.

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7. Motion to go into EXECUTIVE SESSION *to discuss matters which by law must remain confidential under AS 24.60.160, Uniform Rule 22(b) regarding executive sessions, and Rules of Procedure Section 5: Executive Sessions and discussion of matters, the immediate knowledge of which would adversely affect the finances of a governmental unit, and discussion of subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of a person.*

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8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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9. PUBLIC SESSION

A motion was made by Carl White to authorize the posting of an Ethics Office position, as amended to clarify that the position is full-time. There being no objection, the motion passed.

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10. COGEL CONFERENCE REPORT

Committee member Carl White reported on attendance at the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws (COGEL) conference, noting it was a productive experience and provided valuable background on governmental ethics. The conference included sessions focused on ethics administration, filing and reporting requirements, investigations, media relations, and strategies for protecting ethics commissions from political interference. It was noted that ethics commissions vary significantly by state, and that Alaska's structure, particularly the inclusion of public members and the requirement that a public member serve as chairs, are relatively unique and was viewed positively by attendees from other jurisdictions.

Discussion also addressed threat assessments and safety considerations for ethics commissions, with examples from other states where threats have occurred. The importance of maintaining transparency, keeping the media informed, and encouraging appropriate public engagement was emphasized. The Committee was informed that the next COGEL conference is planned for December 6–9 in Denver.

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11. LEGISLATIVE CHANGE SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT- Review/Concur (+)

Chair Anderson reviewed proposed statutory language related to referrals arising from ethics investigations. She noted that prior revisions removed referral language to the Alaska Public Offices Commission from a subsection addressing confidentiality, but that a referral to law enforcement should also be addressed separately. Chair Anderson observed language on page 6 regarding criminal activity referrals during investigations and recommended removing that provision from AS 24.60.060, consistent with earlier changes. She suggested adding a new section following AS 24.60.975 to address referrals to law enforcement, using similar statutory language, and eliminating Section 6 entirely.

Committee members expressed agreement with this approach. Chair Anderson stated that the subcommittee had completed its work and that Dan Wayne would be contacted to incorporate the discussed revisions. She noted that Representatives Galvin and McCabe would continue working on the bill to finalize changes.

The Chair asked whether the Committee wished to review the bill again before introduction after revisions were completed. Committee discussion reflected a consensus that the bill should proceed to introduction without returning to the Committee for further review. Chair Anderson agreed and requested that, if the bill was routed back

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through Representative Galvin, a copy be forwarded to her for review. It was further noted that Representative McCabe would serve as a co-sponsor. The Committee agreed to proceed with introduction following completion of the revisions.

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12. CHAIR/STAFF REPORT (+)

- a. FY 2026 Budget Status (+)
Removed from the agenda.
- b. Benefit and Loan Update – Department of Transportation (+)
Removed from the agenda.
- c. Staff Report on Informal Advice (+)
Removed from the agenda.
- d. Staffing Workload and Focus Areas (+)
Removed from the agenda.
- e. Publications
 - i. 2025 Public Decisions Booklet – AS 24.60.150(a)(2)
Removed from the agenda.
 - ii. 2026 Standards of Conduct Handbook – AS 24.60.150(a)(3)
Removed from the agenda.

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13. FORMER REPRESENTATIVE ALAN DICK – Corrective Action (+)

Administrator Reeve provided a summary regarding a matter involving a former legislator. He reported that a complaint had been filed with the Committee in 2012 and adjudicated in 2013, resulting in a finding of an excess amount exceeding \$18,000, which was to be resolved by 2014. Administrator Reeve explained that the former legislator entered into an agreement to make payments of approximately \$100 per month.

He noted that significant staff time had been devoted to tracking the outstanding balance, with effort by staff member Jacqui. As of December, an outstanding balance of \$1,100 remained, and staff worked with the former legislator's daughter to address the remaining amount. After the item being placed on the agenda, the Ethics Office received final payment of \$1,100. Administrator Reeve further reported that the check was received on January 9, and that publicly available information indicated the former legislator had passed away on December 31.

Administrator Reeve stated that, in retrospect, the matter may have been handled more efficiently and that continued follow-up on a long-standing judgment against an elderly individual resulted in a substantial expenditure on staff time. He noted that while the

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matter had now been resolved, he recommended that, in future cases where repayment is not timely, the Committee follow the procedures set out in statute and the Rules of Procedure, including referral to a formal hearing for resolution, rather than extended informal collection efforts.

Chair Anderson stated that she had no further comments, expressed that she was pleased the matter was resolved, and suggested the Committee may wish to consider this issue in future cases involving significant monetary findings. There being no further comments from Committee members, the discussion concluded.

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14. COMPLAINT CONFIDENTIALITY WAIVER FORM – Update (+)

Chair Anderson moved the Committee to Item 14, the final agenda item, concerning the complaint confidentiality waiver form. She noted that the waiver forms were included in the meeting packet and explained that the forms had been revised to include complaint numbers, as the prior version did not reference specific complaints. Two draft forms were presented for consideration: one referencing the applicable statutes and Rules of Procedure, and a more detailed form explaining the effect and scope of waiving confidentiality (the express waiver).

Chair Anderson invited Committee discussion on whether to adopt a form that simply cites the relevant statutory and procedural sections, or a more comprehensive form that explains those provisions in plain language and requires acknowledgment that confidentiality is freely and voluntarily waived.

Administrator Reeve stated a preference for the more detailed form, noting that it provides clearer notice to the signer and better protects the Committee by documenting that the individual had access to all relevant information. Committee members expressed agreement, and it was further noted that the detailed form would also assist Committee members and staff in understanding the implications of a confidentiality waiver.

Chair Anderson stated that the Committee had reached consensus to adopt the more comprehensive waiver form, specifically the two-page version identified in the packet, and to include complaint numbers on the form to clearly track which complaint the waiver applies to.

Administrator Reeve requested authorization for staff to make future updates to the statutory or Rules of Procedure citations listed on the form, should changes occur, without returning the matter to the Committee for approval. Chair Anderson confirmed that this approach was consistent with past practice and that staff were authorized to make such updates to ensure accuracy.

Following brief clarification regarding identification of the selected form, the Committee confirmed agreement on the two-page version. The discussion concluded with consensus

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on adoption of the revised confidentiality waiver form and staff authority to update citations as needed.

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15. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Anderson noted that the Committee did not address items in the staff report at this meeting, consistent with the prior meeting, and asked whether members wished to raise any items at that time or proceed to adjournment given the late hour.

Administrator Reeve recommended adjournment, and Chair Anderson agreed, noting meeting time constraints.

Administrator Reeve then provided a brief update responsive to a prior inquiry from Representative McCabe regarding benefit loan disclosures. He explained that requested changes had been considered; however, due to staffing and capacity constraints, including recent operational disruptions, no changes would be implemented for the 2025–2026 period. As a result, the item could be removed from the agenda, with no objections raised. Remaining staff report items were noted to be carried forward to the next meeting.

Chair Anderson added a brief update under publications, noting that the Committee is statutorily required to publish public decisions and advisory opinions. While no advisory opinions were issued, public decisions had been compiled and published. She further noted that the Standards of Conduct Handbook had been updated to reflect applicable changes, including benefit loan information, and that updated 2026 handbooks were now available.

Administrator Reeve confirmed that the publications and updated handbooks had been distributed to legislative offices and would be included in Committee member binders at the next meeting.

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16. ADJOURN

Senator Stevens moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.

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