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To: Lawrence, Will [GO]
Subject: Legislative efforts to undermine the Ethics Commission

Hey Will, there's a new effort to undermine the Ethics Commission by directly ousting me through an amendment added in a CC. Please contact me as soon as you are able to discuss it. My cell is 913.558.4515. Thank you.

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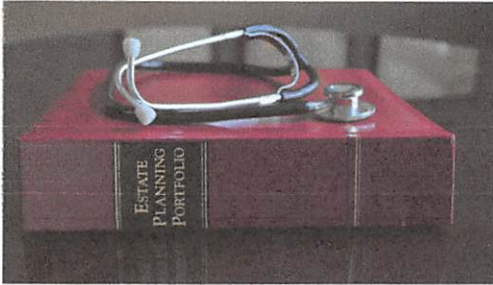
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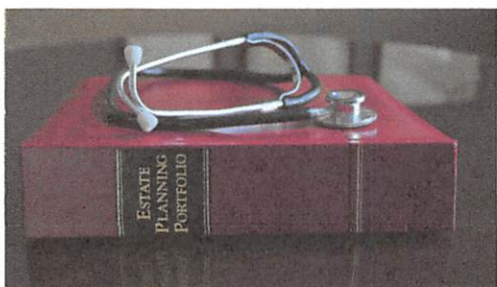
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Mark,

I am not familiar with any changes that are proposed with the ethics commission. And after speaking with House Election Chairman Bergquist, he learned about the issue just this morning. Chairman Bergquist did tell me that he thought you were doing a fine job with the commission. Not having any input into the conference committee we'll have to wait to what develops.

Respectfully,

Rep. John Resman
Kansas House District 121

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Good morning Rep. Resman,

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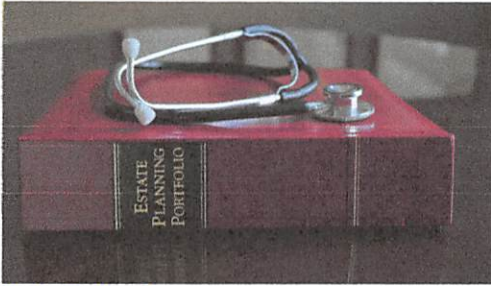
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Republican lawmakers are moving to rein in the executive director of the ethics commission, an action that comes as the agency has been issuing subpoenas to legislators looking for information.

A House-Senate conference committee on Friday took up a proposal that would require the executive director to be a licensed attorney in good standing - meaning their license wasn't suspended - for three years before July 1, 2022 or the date of hire,

Thanks & Regards,
– Brad

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Skoglund, Mark [KGEC]

From: Skoglund, Mark [KGEC]
Sent: Friday, April 1, 2022 12:38 PM
To: Amy James
Subject: RE: Urgent: Legislative attempt to oust me from my position

Sen. Hildebrand and Sen. Olson added it. I don't know which House members were on the committee that acceded to it. The bill is HB 2579.

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To: Skoglund, Mark [KGEC] <Mark.Skoglund@ks.gov>; kyle <kyle@kylekrull.com>; nickjhale <nickjhale@gmail.com>; jphhellmer <jphhellmer@gmail.com>; jsbachlw <jsbachlw@aol.com>; tscharnhorst <tscharnhorst@sakg.com>; Ken Moore <kenmoore66401@gmail.com>; patriciadengler <patriciadengler@hotmail.com>; Jane Deterding <jane@cbok.com>
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Who added the amendment? Names please.

On Friday, April 1, 2022, 10:58:48 AM CDT, Jane Deterding <jane@cbok.com> wrote:

Well that sucks!! I'm all in to help.

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Subject: RE: Urgent: Legislative attempt to oust me from my position

Thank you Kyle. I would encourage people to reach out to your Senators and Representatives to urge them to oppose the effort as soon as possible. We are also putting together a statement that I will hopefully be able to circulate to you all soon.

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jane, you are correct this is april 1.

unlike charlie brown, lucy, and the football routine, once again my wife did not fall for my annual "look ... a purple coyote!" schtick this morning.

oh, well, there is next "april fool's day," yes?

mark, assuming this is not a prank, do you have anything to forward regarding this threat?

beyond our own local legislators, are there ...

any legislators you would suggest for direct contact/maximum impact, to specifically include any of the "thought leaders" behind this amendment or those with upstream or downstream influence?

fyi, i was sent the link to the capitol-journal article yesterday.

here, in part, was my response:

unfortunate fact of life that the state compensates mark as "ethics director" at #48 in the nation, only higher than indiana (#49) and vermont (#48).

see attached comparisons for more analysis.

thought: if the man were paid competitively, perhaps paying to stay active as a ks attorney may not be a discretionary spending line item in the family budget for the fees and cle hours. (i do not know that thi\$ was a factor, so just speculating here.)

unfortunate how "some republicans" in the legislature only turn their gaze to the ksgec now that something negative about the ksgec pops on their radar screen.

final thought: "fresh vision op" is a political committee and we were more than merciful and gracious.

thanks for sharing this article and for reading these ramblings.

all well with you personally and professionally? ;-D

blessings,

k2

attached is what i "attached" in support to my email response.

spoiler alert: while i referred to "some republicans," in my response, for those of you who did not know, i am a rather "conservative" republican.

that noted i am extremely proud to serve with each of you on the commission and the work we do, as each of us "checks" our respective party affiliations at the door regarding all things ksgec.

mark, we are blessed to have you and your entire staff at the ksgec.

hang in there.

thanks and blessings,

kyle

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Berry, Brett [KGEC]

From: Dylan Dear <Dylan.Dear@KLRD.ks.gov>
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Subject: RE: Order of CCs?

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No worries, and you are correct. Opposite chamber goes first.

--Dylan

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Hey Dylan, sorry for the dumb question. A house bill CC gets run first in the Senate, right? Thanks!

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Mark and Nick

Paragraph 3

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Our prior director of more than two decades was not an attorney.

The commission has no less than four licensed attorneys in good standing.

If being a lawyer in good standing is required to serve as Executive Director, this requirement would be duplicitous.

Let me know your thoughts on this language.

Thanks.

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Subject: Phone message @ 12:14pm

Jim McLean
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Requests a statement similar to what you have provided to other news organizations

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To: Skoglund, Mark [KGEC]
Subject: RE: Commissioner Solbach - FYI CORRECTED cell #

He called from his office:
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785-766-2856 – cell

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Signed,

The Members of the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission

(add names)

11:28



Mark >

Fri, Apr 1 at 12:56 PM

Draft sent. Nick wanted
your approval as well.
Thanks

Thu, Apr 7 at 5:17 PM

On my way back.



Brett Berry ▾



Friday, April 1, 2022

12:56 PM

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Thanks

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Subject: Can you call me at 1:20 on cell?

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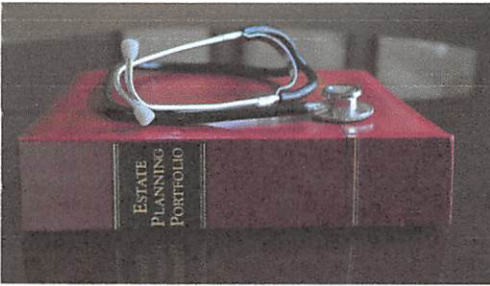
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Who added the amendment? Names please.

On Friday, April 1, 2022, 10:58:48 AM CDT, Jane Deterding <jane@cbok.com> wrote:

Well that sucks!! I'm all in to help.

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Thank you Kyle. I would encourage people to reach out to your Senators and Representatives to urge them to oppose the effort as soon as possible. We are also putting together a statement that I will hopefully be able to circulate to you all soon.

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jane, you are correct this is april 1.

unlike charlie brown, lucy, and the football routine, once again my wife did not fall for my annual "look ... a purple coyote!" schtick this morning.

oh, well, there is next "april fool's day," yes?

mark, assuming this is not a prank, do you have anything to forward regarding this threat?

beyond our own local legislators, are there ...

any legislators you would suggest for direct contact/maximum impact, to specifically include any of the "thought leaders" behind this amendment or those with upstream or downstream influence?

fyi, i was sent the link to the capitol-journal article yesterday.

here, in part, was my response:

unfortunate fact of life that the state compensates mark as "ethics director" at #48 in the nation, only higher than indiana (#49) and vermont (#48).

see attached comparisons for more analysis.

thought: if the man were paid competitively, perhaps paying to stay active as a ks attorney may not be a discretionary spending line item in the family budget for the fees and cle hours. (i do not know that thi\$ was a factor, so just speculating here.)

unfortunate how "some republicans" in the legislature only turn their gaze to the ksgec now that something negative about the ksgec pops on their radar screen.

final thought: "fresh vision op" is a political committee and we were more than merciful and gracious.

thanks for sharing this article and for reading these ramblings.

all well with you personally and professionally? ;-D

blessings,

k2

attached is what i "attached" in support to my email response.

spoiler alert: while i referred to "some republicans," in my response, for those of you who did not know, i am a rather "conservative" republican.

that noted i am extremely proud to serve with each of you on the commission and the work we do, as each of us "checks" our respective party affiliations at the door regarding all things ksgcc.

mark, we are blessed to have you and your entire staff at the ksgcc.

hang in there.

thanks and blessings,

kyle

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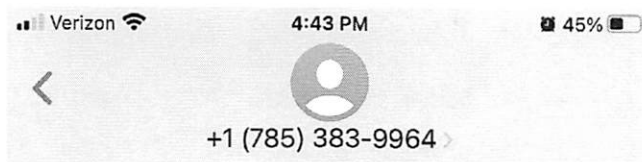
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Fri, Apr 1 at 3:30 PM

Mark said contacting any legislators could be helpful. He will be at the Capitol 'standing guard' until adjournment, even tho Senate withdrew amendment

Ok. I'm just composing one to Rep. Helgerson so I'll mention the withdrawal.

Fri, Apr 22 at 1:54 PM

Good afternoon Commissioners, at your convenience, will you be attending in person for



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Republican state Sen. Rob Olson of Olathe said the proposal had been pulled back and Senate President Ty Masterson said he didn't want to "muddy the waters this late in the session."

A House-Senate conference committee on Friday took up a proposal that would require the executive director to be a licensed attorney in good standing – meaning their license wasn't suspended – for three years before July 1,

Thanks & Regards,
– Brad

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Could not determine the other Representative; Mark doesn't know either

From: Krohe, Sheila [KGEC] <Sheila.Krohe@ks.gov>
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To: Fergel, Sherry [KGEC] <Sherry.P.Fergel@ks.gov>
Subject: HB 2579

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WlQR-wjEHio>

I can't find the written amendment yet, but if they haven't watched the committee meeting, they start talking about it at about 18 minutes. Into the video

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From: Skoglund, Mark [KGEC]
Sent: Friday, April 1, 2022 4:24 PM
To: Jill Shelley
Subject: HB 2579/ethics director requirements

Good afternoon Jill,

Obviously I've been trying my best to follow all of this today re: 2579/director requirements. Do you have a minute for a quick call at some point in this messy day? If not, I completely understand – just making sure I'm not missing anything. My cell is 913.558.4515. Thank you!

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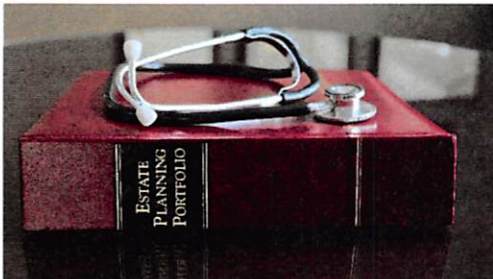
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To: henry.helgerson@house.ks.gov <henry.helgerson@house.ks.gov>
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Representative Helgerson,

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Thank you for considering my message and for your service.

Patricia Dengler
316-258-8108

Sent from my iPad

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To: Renee.Erickson@senate.ks.gov <Renee.Erickson@senate.ks.gov>
Subject: HB 2579 proposed amendment to require Governmental Ethics Executive Director to be a licensed attorney

Senator Erickson,

As one of your constituents, I am contacting you about the proposal to amend HB 2579 to require the executive director of the Governmental Ethics Commission to be a licensed attorney effective this July. It is my understanding that the Senate withdrew this proposed amendment this afternoon, however, I do want to notify you about my concerns with this proposal if it comes up again.

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From: Skoglund, Mark [KGEC]
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To: John Resman
Subject: RE: Oppose efforts to undermine the Ethics Commission

Good afternoon Representative,

My understanding is that the Senate has withdrawn the effort this afternoon. Thank you for your reply, even during an exceptionally busy day for you. I appreciate it.

Respectfully,

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From: John Resman <John.Resman@house.ks.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 1, 2022 4:04 PM
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Mark,

I am not familiar with any changes that are proposed with the ethics commission. And after speaking with House Election Chairman Bergquist, he learned about the issue just this morning. Chairman Bergquist did tell me that he thought you were doing a fine job with the commission. Not having any input into the conference committee we'll have to wait to what develops.

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Rep. John Resman
Kansas House District 121

From: Skoglund, Mark [KGEC] <Mark.Skoglund@ks.gov>
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Good morning Rep. Resman,

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You may or may not be aware that there is a current effort to change the requirements for the Executive Director position in the Governmental Ethics Commission – my position. This effort is targeted directly at me in an effort to oust me from my position.

The Ethics Commission provides an important check on the Legislature to ensure ethical conduct. An effort by a group of legislators to attack the Commission that exists in part as a check on legislative conduct is something that should give all Kansans deep concern.

Please oppose any efforts designed to attack or undermine the ethics commission, including any effort to change the requirements for the Director position. This item is currently under consideration in a conference committee for HB 2579.

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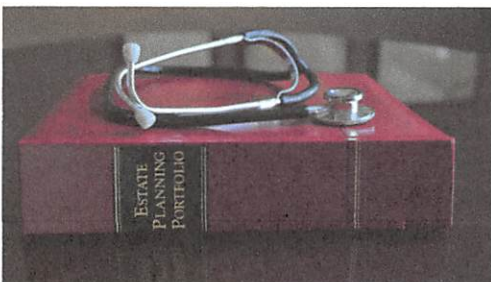
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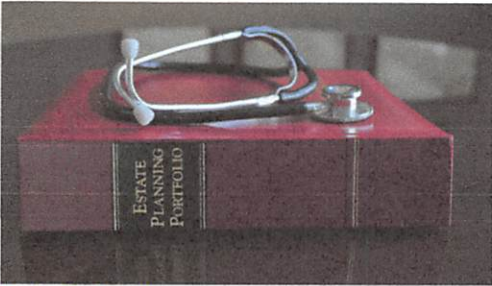
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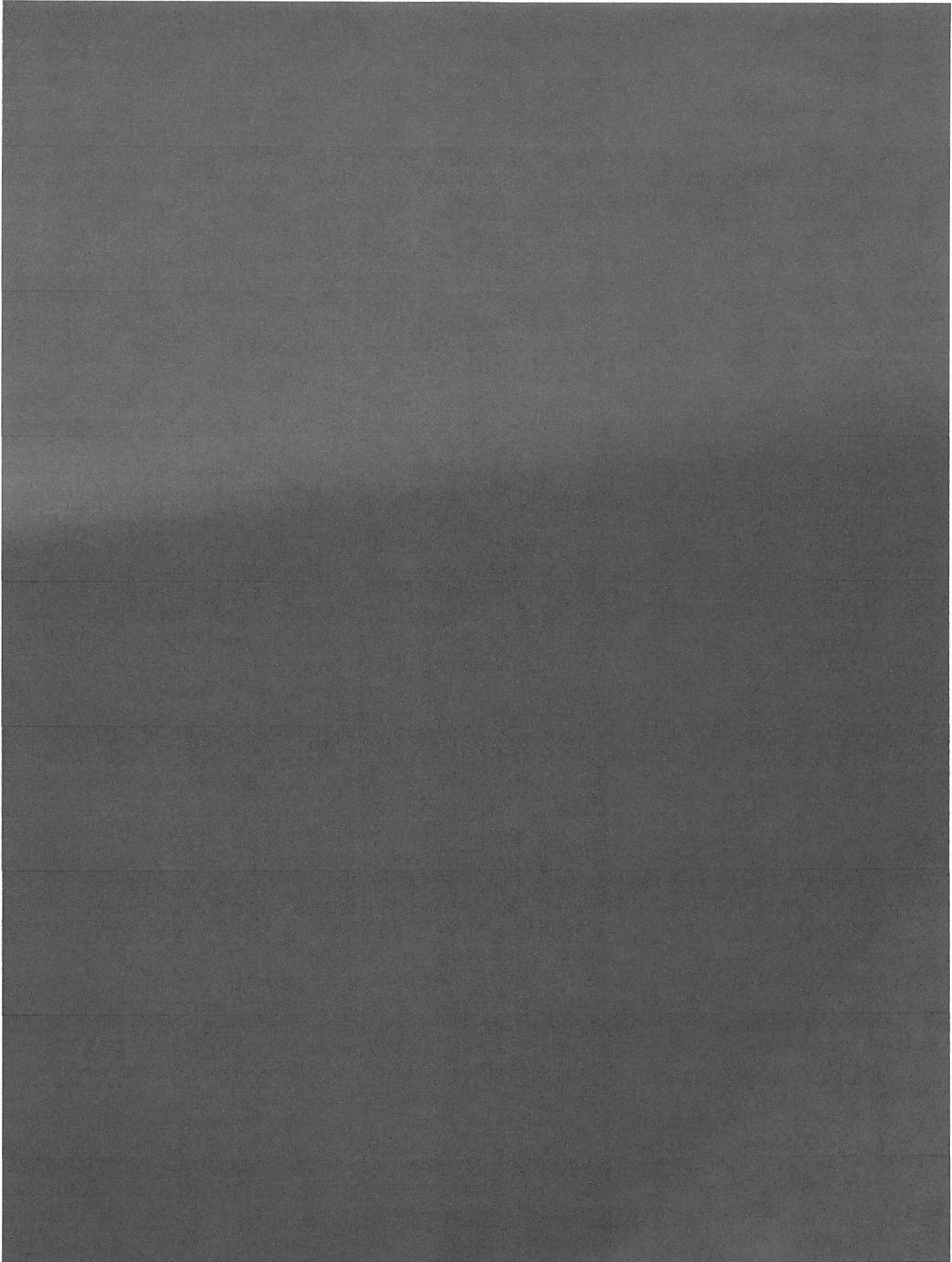
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Subject: RE: New bill changing qualifications of Executive Director of Governmental Ethics Commission

Judge Hellmer,

Here is an article I found regarding this issue. It quotes Abilene's State Rep. John Barker in it, who seems to think this change is necessary. The House adjourned this morning around 1:30 a.m. so we never ended up working on the election bills which was the legislative vehicle for this proposed change.

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Subject New bill changing qualifications of Executive Director of Governmental Ethics Commission

Steve:

Thanks for taking my call. The bill is question came from seeming where. It may be attached to th E-filing bill that the commission recommended and was not approved.

They (not sure who) may try to attach this to the e filing bill. Interesting this bill did not receive support.

In essence the new bill would change the qualifications of the Executive Director to be a person who is licensed as a lawyer in good standing for the past three years. Mr. Skogland the current director has a law degree but is not a practicing lawyer and has not practiced law to require him to be in good standing

He is doing an outstanding job.

Our prior director was not a lawyer.

I am appointed by the Supreme Court. I am a retired District Court Judge serving as a District Court Judge Pro Tem for the 28th Jud. District. I am licensed as a lawyer in good standing in Kansas.

We have three other licensed lawyers in good standing on the commission.

This requirement is blatantly aimed at removing Mr. Skogland from his position as Executive Director.

Wrong on all facets.

If you see it please do not support it.

Thanks for your help.

If you have questions, please let me know.

Thanks.

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Cc: Skoglund, Mark [KGEC]; Fergel, Sherry [KGEC]
Subject: KOMA

Good morning commissioners:

Director Skoglund brought the email chain below to my attention. I'm emailing this reminder that using the reply to all option regarding emails having multiple commissioners as recipients can be Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA) violations which we all want to avoid. Reply-to-all on rare emails in which all commissioners are recipients should not be used, period.

I appreciate the ecumenical sentiments from Commissioner Krull. Also, I do not think this response reaches the level of a violation since it is suggesting a future meeting to have discussions that involve commission issues. Such discussions are best reserved for commission meetings, especially when expressed to a quorum of commissioners and it relates to commission issues. Even if it is just between two commissioners there is always a concern that it may be passed along to other commissioners. There is potential this could create a serial communication, which may also serve as a basis for a violation of KOMA.

Please let me know if questions or concerns exist.

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Subject: RE: Update

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mark-
good grief.

so, instead of raising your embarrassingly low compensation, legislators have the chutzpa to propose requiring that any future ksgec executive director be a "street legal attorney" ... and accept the same compensation level?

yikes!

in general, it seems folks are wound up pretty tight right now.

would y'all agree?

the 24/7/365 news cycle does not help.

friends, may i propose that we schedule an "unofficial" future commission (and full staff) meeting at an offsite venue?

if yes, then may i suggest the place of employment where our very own right honorable chairman hale hangs out professionally.

there is actually a perfect meeting space there.

although we may need to first register as "lobbyists" (and certainly comply with any other applicable rules and regs), i further propose that we invite and host the senators in question to discuss this matter socially.

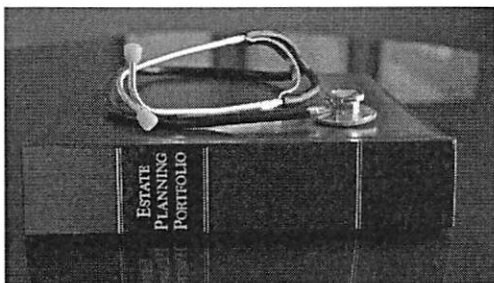
we can even dip into the "fee" fund, yes?

after all, "can't we all just get along?"

may each of you have a wonderful weekend. ;-D

blessings,

kyle



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Life is fragile. Have you made (or updated) your Will and Trust? We can help you protect everyone you love and everything you have.SM

From: Skoglund, Mark [KGEC] <Mark.Skoglund@ks.gov>

Sent: Friday, April 1, 2022 3:42 PM

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Subject: Update

Final update for today, I hope – the Senate has (for now) withdrawn the effort to oust me. Thank you for all of your very fast help today. I hope you have a great weekend!

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Berry, Brett [KGEC]

From: Berry, Brett [KGEC]
Sent: Monday, April 4, 2022 3:20 PM
To: 'kyle@kylekrull.com'
Subject: Suggestion

Kyle,

On a more informal note, I do appreciate your suggestion. I would genuinely enjoy doing just that if not for the risk of circumventing KOMA. Fact is, it's okay for commissioners to talk among themselves outside of a meeting so long as it's not about commission business. Yet recent events have demonstrated all too well how things may be misconstrued. The topic may be the senior judge's and the former legislator's stockpiles of various species of hardwood, but people will assume or accuse the worst. I was going for a simple KOMA reminder and I'm surprised that Commissioner Moore didn't beat me to it!

Regards,

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Berry, Brett [KGEC]

From: Skoglund, Mark [KGEC]
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 9:09 AM
To: jphhellmer
Subject: Questions for today

Good morning Judge,

Here are the questions that I think would be good to know at this point:

- As far as you know, is there any plan to take a second run at the Ethics Commission during veto session?
- What was the conversation about the stand-alone bill? Is there an intention to run a stand-alone at some point?
- When did the Speakers Notes email go out, and who sent it? Was the email talking about actions that had already happened, or actions they were planning in future?
- Is there any other legislative discussion about other ways to attack the Commission?
- Is there anything else we need to know?

Thanks. It'll be interesting if your contact knows anything. Hopefully this was all backward-looking justification for things that had happened and there's no current plans for a second attack, but we'll see.

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