

2021 REGULAR SESSION IMPEACHMENT COMMITTEE (H)

Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the 2021 Interim

January 13, 2021

Call to Order and Roll Call

The 1st meeting of the 2021 Regular Session Impeachment Committee (H) was held on Wednesday, January 13, 2021, at thirty minutes after adjournment, in Room 125 of the Capitol Annex. Representative Jason Nemes, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Representative Jason Nemes, Chair; Representatives George Brown Jr, Angie Hatton, Kim King, C. Ed Massey, Suzanne Miles, Patti Minter, Felicia Rabourn, and Buddy Wheatley.

Guests:

LRC Staff: Chip Smith, and Elishea Schweickart

Introduction

Chairman Nemes began the meeting by explaining that the committee had been formed due to receipt of a petition to impeach Governor Andy Beshear by four Kentucky citizens. He also stated that the committee would fairly examine the petition's allegations. Representative Felicia Rabourn and Representative Buddy Wheatley were introduced as alternate members for the committee. Alternates were selected in case an assigned member is unable to attend. The Chair explained Rep. Rabourn and Rep. Wheatley would be participating in every way other than voting.

The proposed committee rules were handed out to each member of the committee. After discussion, Representative King made a motion to adopt the rules, seconded by Representative Massey, and a roll call vote was requested. The rules were adopted by a vote of 4-3-0. Once the rules were adopted, Representative Miles made the motion to name Elishea Schweickart the clerk for the committee, seconded by Representative Massey, and the motion was adopted by voice-vote.

Executive Session

Representative Massey made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Representative King, and the motion was adopted by voice vote. At that time, the committee members went into a closed executive session.

Upon the committees return from executive session, Chairman Nemes stated that the committee did not discuss the merits of the petition, but discussed the timeline and the committee rules. Chairman Nemes also asked that the public keep in mind that committee members will not discuss what happened during the executive session.

Governor Beshear will be invited to make his written response to the petition by Friday, January 22, 2021 at 6 P.M. Once that response is received, the petitioners will be asked to reply to Governor Beshear's response by Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 6 P.M. All responses may only be made public once the committee meets again and approves. Representative Nemes also made note of KRS 63:070 and asked staff to be mindful of timelines.

Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 6:23 P.M.