

2021 REGULAR SESSION IMPEACHMENT COMMITTEE (H)

Minutes of the 7th Meeting

February 22, 2021

Call to Order and Roll Call

The 7th meeting of the 2021 Regular Session Impeachment Committee (H) was held on Monday, February 22, 2021, at 2:00 PM, 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

Motions & Announcements

Representative Massey received a letter from a petitioner requesting that he recuse himself due to Rule 11 of the Committee Rules. Representative Massey explained that the contact he had with the petitioner was about 21RS House Bill 378, not the current impeachment petitions or committee, and he would not recuse because it would be inappropriate. Representative Massey also assured the committee that as soon as he realized he was speaking with a petitioner he stopped all contact. Chair Nemes then explained that, just like with Supreme Court Justices, a recusal request will be decided by the member it is directed toward, and the committee will not take a vote on the matter.

Representative Miles made a motion to enter the recusal letter into the committee records, seconded by Representative Massey, and the motion carried by voice-vote.

Executive Session

Representative Hatton made a motion to enter into executive session, seconded by Representative Massey, and the motion carried by voice-vote. Upon return from executive session, Chair Nemes announced that the committee had discussed the impeachment petitions but had not reached a final resolution.

Adjournment

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:36 PM.