

House of Representatives State of Idaho

House Judiciary, Rules, & Administration Committee
Rep. Greg Chaney, Chairman

April 19, 2021

Rep. Sage Dixon
Chairman, Ethics Committee
Idaho State Capitol Building
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0038

Dear Chairman Dixon:

In accordance with House Rule 45, herein is a complaint against Rep. Priscilla Giddings for a violation of ethics rules, to wit: Conduct unbecoming a Representative which is detrimental to the integrity of the House as a legislative body.

Factual Allegations

Relating to the pending ethics complaint against Rep. Von Ehlinger, on or about April 16, 2021 Rep. Giddings posted or caused or allowed to be posted an article disparaging Rep. Von Ehlinger's accuser, House leadership, and misstating the process by which a public hearing could be authorized under House Rules (please see the aforementioned article attached as EXHIBIT A).

Rep. Giddings' own commentary to the post was to "Follow the Money!" (please see a printout of Rep. Giddings' Facebook page attached as EXHIBIT B).

Implications

By posting the article in the context she did, Rep. Giddings adopted the contents thereof as her own with the added inference that there was a monetary motivation for the proceedings against Rep. Von Ehlinger.

By so adopting these claims, Rep. Giddings:

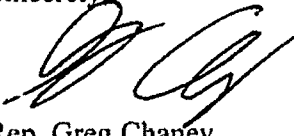
1. Assails and harasses a current attaché of the House (Rep. Ehlinger's accuser), accusing her of a misdemeanor by violating §18-5413, Idaho Code and creating a hostile

environment wherein she is being retaliated against for availing herself of the protections of the House Respectful Workplace Policy.

2. Misleads the public about the criteria for a public ethics hearing by stating that the chairman has unilaterally advanced Rep. Von Ehlinger's case. This misinformation casts aspersions the integrity of the House and public confidence in its ethics review process.
3. Accuses Reps. Bedke, Monks, and Moyle of conduct that could rightfully be considered conspiracy to commit a misdemeanor violation of §18-5413, Idaho Code, by encouraging the filing of a false report; and/or, accuses them of conspiracy to commit felony subordination of perjury in violation of §18-5410, Idaho Code when the sworn nature of the testimony to be given in this Committee's proceedings is considered. These accusations, under the implied motivation of pecuniary gain, are without factual or evidentiary basis and therefore inappropriate.

I consider it my duty to report this putative ethics violation and stand ready to answer the call of the committee in the event it wishes to inquire about these concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Chaney", written over a white background.

Rep. Greg Chaney
District 10