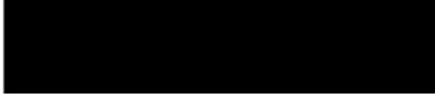


April 6, 2023

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*Via email only*

Representative Jason Dockter



jddockter@ndlegis.gov

Re: Informal Resolution of Complaints filed with the Ethics Commission (Nos. 22-003 through 22-010)

Dear Representative Dockter:

As the Executive Director of the North Dakota Ethics Commission, I am in the process of initially reviewing the above-referenced complaints. At this stage, North Dakota law requires that the Commission provide you and the complainants an opportunity to informally resolve the complaints. N.D.C.C. § 54-66-07.

This informal resolution process may involve the Executive Director or outside counsel serving as a neutral to negotiate or mediate the complaint to final resolution without further investigation. The Commission decides who serves as informal negotiator or mediator. N.D.A.C. § 115-02-01-05(1) and (2). If this informal process is unsuccessful, the complaints may then be investigated according to North Dakota Administrative Rule 115-02-01-06.

The informal resolution process may take place in person or through other electronic means, including video conference or telephone. The process may take a few hours and the Commission will do its best to accommodate any logistical issues you may have. Additionally, you may have an attorney present with you during the informational resolution process, but are not required to have an attorney present with you.

The law requires both complainant and the accused individual the same opportunity to informally resolve the complaint. Therefore, the complainants will receive the same notice as contained in this letter.

The Ethics Commission respectfully requests that you respond to this letter by completing the attached form and returning it by April 21, 2023. If you have questions or concerns regarding the informal resolution, please reach out to our office.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Binstock  
Executive Director, North Dakota Ethics Commission