

RULES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE ASSEMBLY

Rule 1. Establishment and purpose of rules.

A code of rules for fair procedure for the Committee is hereby established for the purpose of providing for the operation of the Committee in a manner which will enable the Committee to perform properly the powers and duties vested in the Committee under Article 4, Section 6 of the Nevada Constitution, including, without limitation, the conduct of hearings in a fair manner, consistent with protection of the constitutional rights of all persons appearing before the Committee.

Rule 2. "Committee" defined.

As used in these rules, "Committee" means the Select Committee on the Assembly.

Rule 3. Powers and Duties of Chair.

1. The Chair of the Committee shall:
 - (a) Carry out the duties of the Chair set forth in these rules.
 - (b) Ensure that meetings of the Committee are conducted in a fair, orderly and efficient manner.
 - (c) Schedule hearings at such times and places deemed appropriate by the Chair.
2. The Chair may:
 - (a) Administer oaths.
 - (b) Waive or suspend any provision of these rules, as deemed necessary by the Chair, or adopt any additional rules or procedures, as deemed necessary by the Chair, to ensure that hearings are conducted in a fair, orderly and efficient manner.
3. The Chair may, if necessary to preserve order and protect the integrity and decorum of the Legislature and the legislative process, issue an order placing a member who is the subject of the Committee's investigation on administrative leave, with pay and without loss of any benefits, during the pendency of the Committee's investigation of the member. Such an order may include, without limitation, prohibiting the member from entering the legislative buildings or otherwise performing any legislative activities or acting as a legislator during the pendency of the Committee's investigation of the member.
4. The Chair may secure special independent counsel to assist the Committee. If such counsel is secured, the Chair must assign duties for the counsel which must include, without limitation, requiring the special independent counsel to accept complaints and other information concerning members of the Assembly. The special independent counsel must conduct a preliminary investigation of complaints received to determine whether the Committee has jurisdiction over the matter and whether there is sufficient information to cause the Committee to conduct a full investigation of the matter.

Rule 4. Subpoenas.

1. The Chair may issue subpoenas for the production of material witnesses and relevant evidence.
2. A subpoena is sufficient if it:
 - (a) States that the proceeding is before the Committee;
 - (b) Is addressed to the witness;

- (c) Requires the attendance of the witness at a time and place certain;
 - (d) States reasons making the testimony sought, or evidence requested, pertinent to the Committee's activities; and
 - (e) Is signed by the Chair.
3. The service of a subpoena may be made by any person over 18 years of age.

Rule 5. Contempt.

1. A witness commits contempt if the witness:
- (a) Neglects or refuses to obey a subpoena;
 - (b) After appearing, neglects or refuses to testify as to any relevant matter; or
 - (c) Neglects or refuses to produce, upon reasonable notice, any relevant evidence in the possession or under the control of the witness.
2. A witness who commits contempt is subject to proceedings for contempt in accordance with the applicable provisions of chapter 218E of NRS.