



WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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VIA EMAIL ONLY

Dear Attorney Hyland:

This is to inform you that I intend to reschedule the meeting of the Assembly Special Committee on Ethics and Standards of Conduct that was scheduled for Wednesday, February 17, 2010. **The meeting will be rescheduled for Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at 9:00 a.m., in the North Hearing Room, State Capitol.** The purpose of this meeting is to hold a public hearing on 2009 Assembly Resolution 14, as shown by three substitute amendments previously furnished to Representative Wood by letter dated December 18, 2009: LRBs0215/1, which relates to expulsion; LRBs0216/1, which relates to censure; and LRBs0217/1, which relates to reprimand. The substitute amendments contain a recitation of the facts of the controversy, as determined by the committee, and the written charges.

As Representative Wood was informed in the December 18, 2009 letter, pursuant to Assembly Rule 21 (3), Representative Wood may, at the public hearing, have the advice of counsel, may offer testimony to mitigate or refute the charges, and may cross-examine any witnesses testifying in support of the charges.

I have enclosed a memorandum from Legislative Council that explains the authority and procedure regarding the reprimand, censure, or expulsion of a member of the Assembly. The memorandum addresses the issues raised in your letters dated February 10, 2010, and February 11, 2010. Please note that Assembly Rule 21 contemplates a legislative public hearing on any resolution to reprimand, censure, or expel a member of the Assembly, and not a judicial proceeding. The Special Committee will follow standard public hearing procedure, with the exception of the procedures outlined in Assembly Rule 21 (3) and (4). Consequently, the rules of evidence and other judicial procedures will not apply in the public hearing.

I have also enclosed a copy of the Assembly Rules.

A formal notice for the March 3rd hearing will be published at a later date.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Hubler", written in a cursive style.

Representative Mary Hubler
Chair, Assembly Special Committee on
Ethics and Standards of Conduct

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Enclosure

cc: Representative Mary Hubler
Representative Tony Staskunas
Representative Gary Hebl
Representative Mark Gundrum
Representative Rich Zipperer
Representative Joan Ballweg
Scott Adrian, Committee Clerk
Representative Jeffrey Wood