

**PROCEDURAL COMMITTEE RULES
OF THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE OF
THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**



PREAMBLE: Pursuant to Article XII Disciplinary Proceedings, Rule 91 of the House Rules adopted by the Illinois House of Representatives for the 104th General Assembly, and the Speaker's Special Investigating Committee Appointment Letter dated July 10, 2026, Chairperson Curtis J. Tarver, II finds it reasonable and appropriate to set forth the following procedural rules.

Rule 1. Definitions. As used in these Rules, terms have the meaning ascribed to them as follows, unless the context clearly requires a different meaning:

- (a) "Amended Petition" means a subsequent petition that is not identical to the original petition which shall supersede all previous petitions.
- (b) "Chairperson" means that Representative designated by the Speaker to serve as Chairperson of the Special Investigating Committee.
- (c) "Clerk" means the elected Clerk of the House.
- (d) "Committee" means the Special Investigating Committee of the Illinois House of Representatives for the 104th General Assembly created pursuant to House Rule 91(a).
- (e) "Counsel to the Committee" means the Chief Counsel for the Speaker or any attorney designated by the Speaker to assist in the conduct of the hearings and to advise the Committee on matters of law and procedure.
- (f) "Hearing" means any noticed hearing in the course of an investigatory proceeding conducted by the Committee for the purpose of taking testimony or receiving other evidence in connection with the petition.
- (g) "House Rules" means the Rules of the Illinois House of Representatives adopted for the 104th General Assembly.
- (h) "Minority Spokesperson" means that Representative designated by the Minority Leader to serve as the minority spokesperson of the Committee.
- (i) "Presiding Officer" means the Chairperson or person designated by the Chair.
- (j) "Rules" means procedural rules established by the Committee Chairperson pursuant to House Rule 91(e).
- (k) "Quorum" means at least 4 members of the Committee.

Rule 2. Committee procedure.

- (a) The Committee shall conduct its hearings pursuant to the House Rules and any Rules established by the Chairperson of the Committee, provided such procedural rules do not conflict with the House Rules.
- (b) The Chairperson has the authority to call meetings of the Committee, call the Committee to order, designate the order of business, and generally supervise the affairs of the committee.
- (c) The Chairperson may designate a member of the Committee to preside over the Committee at the Chairperson's direction or absence.
- (d) No action shall be taken by the Committee at any meeting unless a quorum is present. The Committee may act by the affirmative vote of at least 4 members.
- (e) The Committee, upon the affirmative vote of at least 4 members, may accept an Amended Petition and enter it into the record to supersede a previous petition. An Amended Petition entered into the record must be provided to Representative Ammons.
- (f) In accordance with House Rule 10(b), a member may be temporarily replaced on the Committee by the appointing authority if the member is otherwise unavailable. The appointment of a member as a temporary replacement shall remain in effect until (i) the

permanent member who was replaced is in attendance at the hearing and has been added to the committee role, (ii) the appointing authority withdraws the temporary replacement appointment or appoints a different member to serve as the temporary replacement, or (iii) the hearing is adjourned or the authority has expired for a re-convened hearing following the recess of the committee, whichever occurs first.

Rule 3. Committee Clerk. The Clerk of the House shall serve as the Clerk of the Special Investigating Committee. The Clerk shall keep an audio recording and transcripts of all meetings and receive materials submitted to the Committee, provided that the Clerk may designate the Assistant Clerk to attend Committee hearings and perform these functions in his absence.

Rule 4. Committee hearings and notice.

- (a) Generally, hearings shall be scheduled by the Chairperson and conducted in accordance with Rule 1(i) and described under Rule 2, except if the Committee waives this posting requirement or notice by the affirmative vote of at least 4 members.
- (b) In accordance with House Rule 21, the public and each member of the Committee and Representative Ammons or her counsel shall be given notice of any hearing.
- (c) A hearing and any action taken at a hearing shall not be deemed invalid solely because notice of the hearing was not given in accordance with this Rule.

Rule 5. Issuance of subpoenas. Pursuant to House Rule 91(e), in the discretion of the Chairperson and subject to House Rule 4(9)(c), the Committee may compel by subpoena or subpoena duces tecum any person to appear and give testimony as a witness or produce papers, documents, or other materials relevant to the charge or charges, as provided in Section 5(c) of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution.

Rule 6. Notice to Witnesses.

- (a) Service of any subpoena requiring attendance of a person to give testimony or produce documents or materials at a hearing shall be made in the manner provided by law for the service of subpoenas in civil actions at least 2 calendar days before the date of the hearing.
- (b) Production of documents or materials pursuant to a subpoena duces tecum requiring the production of such documents or materials shall be made at the time and place indicated on the subpoena. The Committee is entitled to require the immediate production of subpoenaed materials to any authorized representative of the Committee as identified on the subpoena.
- (c) Any person who is served with a subpoena to attend a hearing of the Committee shall also be served with notice that he or she may be accompanied by counsel as provided in the Legislative Commission Hearing Act, a copy of the Legislative Commission Hearing Act, a copy of the petition, and a copy of the Rules.
- (d) A person subpoenaed to attend a hearing of the Committee shall receive the same fees and allowances as a person subpoenaed to give testimony in a civil action pending in an Illinois Circuit Court.

Rule 7. Conduct of hearings.

- (a) Pursuant to House Rule 91(c), all hearings of the Committee shall be public, except that hearings of the Committee may be closed to the public if two-thirds of the members elected to the House determine that the public interest requires, as provided in Section 5(c) of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution.

- (b) The Presiding Officer at all hearings of the Committee shall supervise the examination of witnesses by other members of the Committee, by the Counsel to the Committee, and by Representative Ammons and her counsel.

Rule 8. Right to counsel; submission of questions.

- (a) Each witness may be accompanied by counsel of his or her own choosing who may advise the witness as to his or her rights, subject to reasonable limitations that the Chairperson may prescribe to prevent obstruction of or interference with the orderly conduct of the hearing.
- (b) Nothing in these rules, however, shall be construed to create a right to counsel at public expense for witnesses testifying before the Committee.
- (c) Any witness at a hearing, or his or her counsel, may submit to Counsel to the Committee proposed questions to be asked of the witness, or may submit other information relevant to the matters pending before the Committee. The Presiding Officer, in his or her discretion, shall determine what questions are allowable or admissible.

Rule 9. Testimony.

- (a) The Committee shall cause a recording and transcription to be made of all proceedings in which testimony or other evidence is presented. The record shall include rulings of the Presiding Officer, questions of the Committee, questions of Counsel to the Committee, questions of Representative Ammons or her counsel, the testimony or response of witnesses, sworn written statements submitted to the Committee, copies of subpoenas, notices, and such other matters as the Committee may direct.
- (b) In accordance with House Rule 91(e), in the discretion of the Chairperson, the Committee may administer oaths.
- (c) Any oaths administered at a hearing of the Committee shall be done by the Presiding Officer.
- (d) The Presiding Officer may direct a witness to answer any relevant question or to furnish any relevant material, the production of which has been required by subpoena or subpoena duces tecum.
- (e) Representative Ammons or her counsel may question any witnesses called by the Committee at the conclusion of the witnesses' testimony and after the completion of questions by the Counsel to the Committee, and any members of the Committee. Those questions by Representative Ammons or her counsel, however, shall be limited to clarification of the testimony of the witness.
- (f) Representative Ammons or her counsel may call witnesses and offer other evidence for consideration by the Committee. The Counsel to the Committee and members of the Committee may question any witnesses called by Representative Ammons or her counsel at the conclusion of the witnesses' testimony. These questions by Counsel to the Committee, however, shall be limited to clarification of the testimony of the witness.
- (g) Any testimony or evidence adduced by or on behalf of Representative Ammons or her counsel shall be made part of the record or proceedings maintained by the Clerk. The Committee members may question any witness at any time during the testimony of that witness. The Chairperson or Minority Spokesperson may designate an attorney to question any witness on behalf of a member or members of the Committee.
- (h) Any person called as a witness, or his or her counsel, with the consent of the Chairperson may file with the Committee, for incorporation into the record of the hearing, sworn written statements relevant to the purpose, subject matter, or scope of the Committee's proceeding.

Rule 10. Evidentiary questions. All procedural questions regarding the conduct of hearings, including the relevance and admissibility of evidence, shall be determined by the Presiding Officer with the advice of the Counsel to the Committee. Any member may move to overrule the ruling of the Presiding Officer. The Presiding Officer shall be sustained unless at least 4 members of Committee vote to overrule the Presiding Officer.

Rule 11. Committee record.

- (a) All materials created by or submitted to the Committee during the course of the investigation shall be inventoried and stored with the Clerk of the House as the Committee record in accordance with Rule 3.
- (b) The Clerk of the House shall copy all materials included in the Committee record. Copies of the Committee record shall be made available to all Committee members, Representative Ammons or her counsel, and the public by causing to be published the same on ilga.gov.

Rule 12. Interested persons.

- (a) Any person who desires to appear before the Committee and give testimony or provide documents or materials, and who is neither invited by the Committee nor compelled to do so by subpoena, must submit a written and sworn Offer of Proof to the Committee, or any person authorized by the Committee to accept such Offers of Proof, at least 24 hours before the scheduled hearing at which the witness seeks to testify. The Committee shall review each Offer of Proof submitted and may permit to testify each person the Committee determines has relevant and probative knowledge or information regarding any matter subject to the investigation, and that is not redundant or cumulative.
- (b) The Committee may waive the requirement of an Offer of Proof, by the affirmative vote of at least 4 members, when the Committee determines it is in the best interests of the investigation to do so.
- (c) Any person who appears before the Committee pursuant to this Section shall have all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of a witness as provided by these rules.

Rule 13. Contempt.

- (a) A person shall be in contempt if he or she: (1) fails or refuses to appear in compliance with a subpoena or, having appeared, fails or refuses to state his or her oath or affirmation as to the truth of his or her testimony if, in the discretion of the Chairperson, the Committee administers an oath; (2) fails or refuses to furnish an answer to any questions determined to be relevant by the Chairperson or Presiding Officer or fails to furnish any material, the production of which has been required by a subpoena duces tecum; or (3) commits any other act or offense against the Committee that, if committed against the General Assembly or either house thereof, would constitute contempt.
- (b) The Committee may, by the affirmative vote of at least 4 members of the Committee, issue a contempt citation for violations of this Rule.

Rule 14. Penalties. A person guilty of contempt under the provisions of these rules shall be guilty of a petty offense or shall be subject to other punishment as the House may, in the exercise of its inherent, statutory, and constitutional powers, impose.

Rule 15. Obtaining evidence or information. Nothing contained in these Rules shall be construed to limit or prohibit the acquisition of evidence or information by the Committee by any other lawful means.

Rule 16. Ex parte communications. No member of the Committee shall communicate with Representative Ammons or her counsel concerning any matters pending before the Committee or within the scope of the Committee's investigation that are substantive and not merely procedural or ministerial, except during Committee hearings as defined by these Rules. This prohibition shall apply until those matters are no longer pending before the House. It is the Committee's recommendation to all House members that they also comply with this prohibition.

Rule 17. Committee reports. Pursuant to House Rule 93, the Committee shall file with the Clerk a written report prior to the expiration of the 104th General Assembly. The report shall include at minimum, a summary of each charge alleged in the petition, the vote on each charge alleged in the petition, and the reasons the Committee did or did not authorize each charge against the member. Any one or more Committee members may include a supplemental statement in the report, either concurring with or dissenting from all or part of the report, or explaining a reason for his or her vote on a charge. The report shall be signed by all of the Committee members, regardless of their original vote in the Committee proceedings on whether to authorize charges.

Rule 18. Effective date. In accordance with House Rule 91(e), these Rules take effect upon the Chairperson causing the filing of the same with the Clerk, and providing copies to Representative Ammons or her counsel, and all members of the Committee.

Rule 19. Amendment. Proposed amendments to these Rules shall be submitted in writing by one or more members of the Committee to the Chairperson. The Chairperson may recognize such members during a noticed hearing, whereupon a motion may be made and granted by the affirmative vote of 4 members and shall result in adoption of the amendment to the Committee's Rules.

Rule 20. Applicability. The hearings of the Committee shall be conducted in accordance with these Rules and all other applicable House Rules, statutes, and provisions of the Illinois Constitution.