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Statement on House Ethics Meeting

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – State Representative Joseph Chaplik, Chairman of the House Ethics Committee, released a statement following today’s hearing to consider the ethics matter involving Representative Stephanie Stahl Hamilton.

“The House Ethics Committee is responsible for considering complaints that are submitted by a House member accusing another member of behavior that violates [House Rules](#). Representative Stahl Hamilton exercised her right not to be present today. However, it was disrespectful that she did not provide the courtesy of notifying the Chairman or Committee members that she had no intention of participating in her own Ethics Hearing. Today’s hearing was not a trial, but the Committee made every effort to provide Representative Stahl Hamilton the due process to which she is entitled as a member of the House. Unfortunately, because of her absence, and the limited information that could be provided by the counsel she sent to represent her, committee members and the public were left with a lot of unanswered questions. Regardless, it is the Committee’s duty to now review all available evidence and deliberate in preparation for the issuance of a report to the House.”

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