



THE GENERAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, 02133-1053

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 18, 2017

CONTACT

Kelsey Brennan, Office of Senator Rodrigues, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Ethics
617-722-1114

Senate Committee on Ethics retains special investigator

BOSTON- The following are comments issued from the Senate Committee on Ethics:

The Senate Committee on Ethics agreed unanimously today to retain the law firm of Hogan Lovells, US LLP, to serve as special investigator as directed by Senate Order 2228 (*order attached*). The lawyers with primary responsibility for the investigation are Anthony E. Fuller, Jody L. Newman and Natashia Tidwell (*resumes attached*).

The Committee is confident that these well-qualified lawyers – who have extensive experience investigating alleged misconduct in both the public and private sectors – will fully and fairly conduct the investigation ordered by the Senate.

The investigation will now proceed. To protect the integrity of that process, the Committee does not anticipate issuing any further public statements until the special investigator completes the investigation and submits a report to the Committee. We have asked that the special investigator submit that report as soon as practicable, without sacrificing thoroughness or attention to detail.

The Committee restates its intention to release the special investigator's report, subject to the confidentiality obligations contained in Senate Order 2228.

The Committee also restates its commitment to protect the identities of victims and witnesses who choose to cooperate with the investigation. The special investigator is in the process of establishing a dedicated toll-free number and email address for all those wishing to provide relevant information.

###