



LATVIJAS REPUBLIKAS  
SAEIMA



■ Meeting of the Mandate, Ethics and Submissions Committee

## Mandate, Ethics and Submissions Committee

The Mandate, Ethics and Submissions Committee (hereinafter—Committee) is one of the standing committees established pursuant to the Rules of Procedure of the Saeima.

At its first plenary sitting, the newly elected Saeima elects a Temporary Mandate, Ethics and Submissions Committee (hereinafter—Temporary Committee).

The Temporary Committee carries out the task set forth by the Constitution: the Saeima itself verifies the mandates of its members. Not later than four days after the official election results have been announced, in accordance with the procedure prescribed by law, it verifies election documents and investigates complaints about elections if such complaints have been submitted

to the Central Election Commission. On the grounds of the report by the Temporary Committee, the Saeima rules on the mandates of its members.

### Structure of the Committee

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Saeima, the Committee must include two members from each parliamentary group.

Members of the Committee must refrain from unjustified criticism of political opponents or unjustified defence of another MP's misconduct solely on the grounds of their political affiliation.

The current composition of the Committee can be viewed on the Saeima website [www.saeima.lv](http://www.saeima.lv) and the website of the Committee <http://mandati.saeima.lv>.



■ Jānis Vucāns, Chair of the Committee

### Chairs of the Mandate, Ethics and Submissions Committee

Convocation	Name	Tenure
5 <sup>th</sup> Saeima	Māris Budovskis	21.07.1993–06.11.1995
6 <sup>th</sup> Saeima	Ilmārs Bišers	07.11.1995–02.11.1998
7 <sup>th</sup> Saeima	Vineta Muižniece	12.11.1998–04.11.2002
8 <sup>th</sup> Saeima	Ingrīda Labucka	19.11.2002–05.02.2004
	Ainars Baštiks	09.02.2004–18.03.2004
	Pāvels Maksimovs	22.04.2004–06.11.2006
9 <sup>th</sup> Saeima	Sergejs Dolgopolovs	17.11.2006–16.07.2009
	Vitālijs Orlovs	24.11.2009–02.11.2010
10 <sup>th</sup> Saeima	Vitālijs Orlovs	09.11.2010–17.10.2011
11 <sup>th</sup> Saeima	Vitālijs Orlovs	20.10.2011–04.11.2014
12 <sup>th</sup> Saeima	Vitālijs Orlovs	10.11.2014–06.11.2018
13 <sup>th</sup> Saeima	Janīna Kursite-Pakule	20.11.2018–01.11.2022
14 <sup>th</sup> Saeima	Jānis Vucāns	Since 23.11.2022

### Tasks of the Committee

- To draw up reports on approving or terminating mandates of MPs.
- To prepare a draft resolution of the Saeima regarding requests by the Prosecutor General's Office on granting permission to initiate the criminal prosecution of an MP, arrest or detain an MP, search an MP or their premises or otherwise restrict their personal freedom.
- For each regular session of the Saeima, to prepare a report on administratively penalised MPs.
- To review cases concerning the violation of the Code of Ethics for Members of the Saeima.
- To verify the compliance of the presidential candidate with the Law on the Election of the President. ►



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- To review data prepared by the Presidium on MPs' absence from plenary sittings.
- To evaluate draft resolutions on sending MPs to an examination of the official language proficiency and provide opinion to the Saeima.
- To prepare monthly reports for the Saeima on submissions filed with the Public Relations Bureau of the Saeima. These reports are published on the website of the Committee.
- To follow the processing of submissions filed by private entities and to hear a monthly report on the work of the Visitor and Information Centre. Relevant information is published on the website of the Saeima and the Committee.
- To consider submissions filed by private entities and other public institutions and to prepare answers to questions contained therein.
- To review collective submissions filed by citizens of Latvia, draft a report and prepare a draft resolution of the Saeima regarding each submission and its further processing within three months after receiving it.

## Follow the work of the Committee

The website of the Committee features the agendas of its meetings and other information on matters considered by the Committee.

Committee meetings are open to public—visitors only need an ID document and a pass to the Saeima in order to attend a meeting; applications for a pass to the Saeima can be submitted to the Committee. ■



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