



STATE OF MAINE  
COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS  
AND ELECTION PRACTICES  
135 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE  
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## Agenda

**December 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**

Note: the meeting will be conducted through Zoom video conferencing and streamed to YouTube for the public to access. Please visit [www.maine.gov/ethics](http://www.maine.gov/ethics) for the link to access the YouTube channel. Due to COVID-19 precautions, the Commission's office will not be open to the public.

### **1. Ratification of Minutes of the October 30, 2020 Meeting**

### **2. Public Hearing on Proposed Rule Amendment**

The Commission will hold a public hearing to receive comments on a proposed rule amendment to address whether a candidate who has accepted traditional campaign contributions may participate in the Maine Clean Election Act program.

### **3. Missing Disclosure on Election Signs – Steve Collins**

House candidate Timothy H. Goodwin of Standish, Maine filed a complaint alleging that a proprietor of a local general store, Steve Collins, paid for and posted around 30 yard signs advocating against Mr. Goodwin's election that did not clearly state who paid for the signs. Mr. Collins has acknowledged to the Commission staff that he paid for the signs. He has not responded to the complaint or provided any argument that the signs were in compliance.

### **4. Potential Investigation of Working Families PAC**

The Working Families PAC is a committee formed by former State Representative Diane Russell. Ms. Russell has been filing campaign finance reports on behalf of the PAC during 2020 but did not file two campaign finance reports due in October, and has been unresponsive to email communications, phone calls, and letters mailed to her residence. The PAC's treasurer, who resigned in September 2020, believes that the PAC's actual cash balance was consistently less than the calculated balance shown on the cover page of PAC reports.

*Staff recommendation: the Commission staff recommends conducting an investigation to verify that previously filed reports substantially conformed to disclosure requirements and to correct any discrepancies.*

### **5. Proposed Legislation**

The Commission staff will present proposed statutory changes to the Commission. If approved, the Commission would submit the changes to the Office of the Revisor to be drafted as an agency bill.

### **Other Business**

**Executive Session** (*if necessary*)

### **ADJOURNMENT**