



Minutes of the December 5, 2013, Meeting of the
Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices
Studio/Conference Room, Maine State Library, 230 State Street, Augusta, Maine

Present: Walter F. McKee, Esq., Chair; André G. Duchette, Esq.; Margaret E. Matheson, Esq.; Michael T. Healy, Esq.; Hon. Jane A. Amero

Staff: Executive Director Jonathan Wayne; Phyllis Gardiner, Counsel

At 9:10 a.m., Chair Walter McKee convened the meeting.

Agenda Item #1. Ratification of the Minutes of the July 29 Meeting and August 23 Meeting

Mr. McKee moved to accept the minutes of July 29 and August 23, 2013 meetings as drafted. Ms. Matheson seconded. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Agenda Item #2. Misreporting of 2011 Campaign Contributions/Lewiston Casino PACs

In 2010 and 2011, campaign manager Stavros Mendros and others formed two political action committees (PACs) to promote a citizen initiative to bring a casino to Lewiston. The PACs reported receiving more than \$400,000 in out-of-state funding from GT Source Corporation, a Georgia supplier of slot machines. A post-complaint investigation by the Commission staff raised questions whether the source of the PACs' campaign funds was GT Source Corporation or others in the gambling industry. Mr. Mendros and Peter Robinson, the treasurer for one of the PACs, maintain that they relied on information and statements provided to them by others in order to complete the PACs' campaign finance reports.

The Commission held a hearing to receive sworn testimony concerning the reporting of campaign contributions by the Lewiston casino PACs. The hearing was held at the Maine State Library in Augusta, Maine.

The Commission received testimony from Peter Robinson, Jeffrey Kinney, and Stavros Mendros and from Ryan Hill by videoconference. The Commission took no action at the conclusion of the hearing on this day and continued the hearing to a later date to be determined.

Mr. Duchette moved to adjourn and Mr. McKee seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Agenda Items #3 and #4 were postponed to the Commission's next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jonathan Wayne

Jonathan Wayne, Executive Director