



STATE OF MAINE  
COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS  
AND ELECTION PRACTICES  
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## **Agenda**

**March 10, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.**

Commission Office, 45 Memorial Circle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Augusta, Maine

**1. Presentation to Bradford A. Pattershall, aka William Pattershall, aka Brad Patterson**

**2. Ratification of Minutes of December 18, 2019 Meeting**

**3. Request to Investigate Stop the Corridor**

Stop the Corridor is one of the associations opposing the New England Clean Energy Connect (NECEC) transmission project. Clean Energy Matters (supporting the NECEC) requests the Commission investigate whether Stop the Corridor was required to register with the Commission and file campaign finance reports as a political action committee (PAC). Additionally, the Commission staff recommends considering whether Stop the Corridor qualified as a ballot question committee (BQC).

**4. Request to Investigate Say No to NECEC**

Say No to NECEC is a nonprofit corporation formed to oppose the NECEC. Clean Energy Matters requests the Commission investigate whether Say No to NECEC was required to register as a PAC.

**5. Mainers for Local Power PAC: Penalties for Providing Late Notice to Major Contributors**

Mainers for Local Power PAC (opposing the NECEC) was late in providing written notices to two contributors that they qualified as “major contributors” and were required to file reports with the Commission. The preliminary penalties for providing the late written notices total \$53,431. Mainers for Local Power requests a waiver of the penalties because the PAC was unaware of the new disclosure requirement and did not see a reference to it in the Commission’s guidance materials.

*Staff recommendation: the Commission staff recommends reducing the penalties to a total of \$2,500.*

**6. Study Report of Maine Clean Election Act**

Candidate Registrar Emma Burke will discuss a study report on the Maine Clean Election Act she completed at the end of 2019.

**Other Business**

**ADJOURNMENT**