



STATE OF MAINE
COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS
AND ELECTION PRACTICES
135 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
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Agenda
June 24, 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 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 May 22, 2020 Meeting

2. Request to Investigate the Gideon Leadership PAC

Dr. Demi Kouzounas submitted a request for the Maine Ethics Commission to investigate six 2018 Facebook advertisements featuring messages by the Speaker of the Maine House of Representatives, Sara Gideon. She asks the Commission to consider whether the ads amounted to an unreported contribution by Sara Gideon's leadership PAC to her 2018 re-election committee. Sara Gideon responds that the ads were not intended to influence her re-election to House District #48 and but were paid for by the House Democratic Caucus Committee to support her work as Speaker.

Staff recommendation: the Commission staff recommends taking no further action on the complaint.

3. Request to Investigate Vaccinate Your Family: Every Child by Two

Ms. Cara Sacks submitted a request for the Maine Ethics Commission to investigate two digital advertisements paid for by Vaccinate Your Family that did not include the name and address of the person who financed the advertisement. The Commission staff also inquired into whether Vaccinate Your Family qualified as a ballot question committee. Vaccinate Your Family responds that the ads were not intended to influence an election but were consistent with its primary purpose of providing accurate information about vaccinations.

Staff recommendation: the Commission staff recommends taking no further action on the complaint.

Other Business

Executive Session (*if necessary*)

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