



STATE OF MAINE  
COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS  
AND ELECTION PRACTICES  
135 STATE HOUSE STATION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE  
04333-0135

***Amended Agenda (10/28/2020)***  
**October 30, 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. Request for Waiver of Late-Filing Penalty – Jeffrey Pierce**

Jeffrey Pierce is a candidate for the Maine House of Representatives. He was required to file the 42-Day Pre-General Report on September 22, 2020. His campaign filed the report one day late. The preliminary penalty for the late report is \$40.37. Mr. Pierce's campaign is requesting a waiver because of his treasurer's confusion in interpreting automated email notifications from the Commission's e-filing system.

*Staff recommendation: the Commission staff recommends not waiving the \$40.37 penalty.*

**2. Request for Waiver of Late-Filing Penalty – Revive Hometown Maine PAC**

The Revive Hometown Maine PAC was required to file an October Quarterly campaign finance report on October 5, 2020. Because of an unexpected computer hardware problem, the PAC filed the report two days late. The PAC requests a waiver of the \$510 preliminary penalty.

*Staff recommendation: the Commission staff supports a waiver of the penalty and suggests \$250.*

**3. Rebuttal of Independent Expenditure – Maine First Project**

On October 19, 2020, Maine First Project, a non-profit organization led by Rep. Larry Lockman, sent two mailers discussing education policy that, among other things, included references to candidates for the Maine House of Representatives. Because the candidates are specifically mentioned in a paid communication disseminated after Labor Day, the communications are presumed to be independent expenditures. Maine First Project has filed a statement to rebut the presumption stating that the communications were not intended to influence the candidates' election.

**4. Request by Stop the Corridor to Vacate Investigative Subpoena for Records**

On June 19, 2019, Stop the Corridor filed a proceeding with the Maine Superior Court arguing that the Commission had exceeded its statutory jurisdiction by expanding its campaign finance investigation at its May 22, 2020 meeting. On September 18, 2020, the Commission issued an investigative subpoena for records. Stop the Corridor is requesting that the Commission vacate the subpoena while the court proceeding is pending.

**Other Business**

**Executive Session** (if necessary)

**ADJOURNMENT**

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