



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

January 27, 2021 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. Request for Waiver of Late-Filing Penalty – Hon. Troy Jackson

Senator Troy Jackson ran for State Senate in District 1 in the 2020 general election. He was required to disclose a \$1,250 expenditure in a 24-Hour Report by October 27, 2020. He entered the transaction in the Commission's eFiling system on Oct. 27. He believed he had filed the report, but it was not filed until two days later by his deputy treasurer. The preliminary penalty for filing the report two days late is \$50. Sen. Jackson requests a waiver because he attempted to file the report, and because an erroneous email notice by the Commission's eFiling system four days earlier caused confusion when Sen. Jackson was communicating with his deputy treasurer.

Staff recommendation: the Commission staff recommends not waiving the preliminary penalty of \$50.

2. Complaint – Reporting of Compensation in Citizen Initiative Campaign

On December 28, 2020, the Commission received a complaint by the Clean Energy Matters political action committee (PAC) against the two PACs promoting a citizen initiative to oppose the New England Clean Energy Connect project (NECEC). The complaint alleges that the two PACs have failed to report any compensation or expenditure reimbursements paid to Ms. Sandra Howard, who is actively involved in organizing the petitioning for the initiative. Ms. Howard and the two PACs respond that she is not being compensated and that No CMP Corridor PAC will be reporting all expense reimbursements it makes to Ms. Howard.

Staff recommendation: the Commission staff recommends against conducting an investigation.

3. Request for Waiver of Late-Filing Penalty – Mainers for Health and Parental Rights

On October 26, 2020, the Mainers for Health and Parental Rights PAC made an expenditure of \$1,000 as a contribution to the Maine Prosperity Alliance PAC. It was required to report this expenditure in a 24-Hour Report by October 27, 2020 but did not do so until December 15, 2020. The PAC requests a waiver of the \$980 preliminary penalty.

Staff recommendation: the Commission staff recommends reducing the penalty to \$750.

4. Request for Waiver of Late-Filing Penalty – Scott N. Gaiason

Scott Gaiason ran for the State House of Representatives in District 56 in the 2020 general election. Mr. Gaiason was required to file the 11-Day Pre-General Report on October 23, 2020 but filed it one day late. The preliminary penalty for this late filed report is \$109.54. The candidate requests a waiver of the penalty.

Staff recommendation: the Commission staff recommends not waiving the preliminary penalty of \$109.54.

Other Business

Executive Session (if necessary)

ADJOURNMENT

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