



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

February 24, 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](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. Ratification of Minutes of the 12/18/20, 01/13/21 and the 01/27/21 Meetings

### 2. Request for Waiver of Late-Filing Penalty – Kittery Democratic Committee

The Committee filed its January Semi-Annual Report on January 15, 2021. Upon reviewing the report, the Commission staff made a preliminary finding that the 11-Day Pre-General Election Report (due on 10/23/2020) was filed late. The preliminary penalty for the late filing is \$500, and the committee is requesting a waiver.

*Staff recommendation: the Commission staff recommends that the penalty be reduced to \$100.*

### 3. Request for Waiver of Late-Filing Penalty – Madison Republican Committee of Maine

The Committee filed its January Semi-Annual Report on January 15, 2021. Upon reviewing the report, the Commission staff made a preliminary finding that the 11-Day Pre-General Election Report (due on 10/23/2020) was filed late. The preliminary penalty for the late filing is \$500, and the committee is requesting a waiver.

*Staff recommendation: the Commission staff recommends that the penalty be reduced to \$100.*

### 4. Request for Waiver of Late-Filing Penalty – York Town Republican Committee

The Committee filed its January Semi-Annual Report on January 15, 2021. Upon reviewing the report, the Commission staff made a preliminary finding that the 11-Day Pre-General Election Report (due on 10/23/2020) was filed late. The preliminary penalty for the late filing is \$500, and the committee is requesting a waiver.

*Staff recommendation: the Commission staff recommends that the penalty be reduced to \$100.*

### 5. Repayment of Maine Clean Election Act Funds – April Turner

April Turner was a Maine Clean Election Act (MCEA) candidate in 2020 for House District 99. The Commission staff advised her that two payments of MCEA funds to her spouse, totaling \$817.56 to reimburse him for internet and cell phone use, were not allowed under the Commission's published MCEA expenditure guidelines. The candidate has not argued that the expenses were allowed. Subsequently, she has declined to respond to several communications by the Commission staff requesting the funds.

*Staff recommendation: the Commission staff recommends finding that Ms. Turner violated 21-A M.R.S. § 1125(6) by spending MCEA funds for purposes that were not campaign-related and request that she repay \$817.56 to the Maine Clean Election Fund within 30 days to avoid referral of the debt to the Office of the Maine Attorney General for collection.*

### Other Business

**Executive Session** (if necessary)

**ADJOURNMENT**

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