



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

March 8, 2021 at 9:30 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. Complaint – Disclosure Statements Missing from Roadside Signs in Special Election

The Commission will consider a complaint that signs promoting a candidate in a March 9, 2021 special election lacked a required statement of who made or financed the expenditure for the signs.

2. Maine First Project – Request to Rebut Independent Expenditure Presumption

On March 1, 2021, Maine First Project, a non-profit organization led by Rep. Larry Lockman, sent a mailer discussing education policy that, among other things, included references to candidates for the Senate District 14 Election. Because the candidates are specifically mentioned in a paid communication disseminated in the last 35-days before the special election, 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.

Staff Recommendation: The staff recommends that Maine First Project has rebutted the presumption.

Other Business

Executive Session *(if necessary)*

ADJOURNMENT