



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

June 22, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Note: this meeting will be conducted in person and streamed on the Commission's YouTube channel. Shortly before the meeting, the Commission will post a link on www.maine.gov/ethics.

1. Ratification of the Minutes of the April 27, May 6, May 11, and June 9, 2022 Meetings

2. Request for Waiver of Late-Filing Penalty – Hon. Paul R. LePage

Paul R. LePage is a candidate for governor in the 2022 elections. He was required to file the 42-Day Pre-Primary Report by 11:59 p.m. on May 3, 2022, but the report was not filed until May 4, 2022, one day late. The preliminary penalty is \$9,091.83. The campaign is requesting a waiver of the penalty.

3. Request for Waiver of Late-Filing Penalty – Ethan Alcorn

Ethan Alcorn was an unenrolled candidate for governor. He was required to file the 42-Day Pre-Primary Report by 11:59 p.m. on May 3, 2022, but the report was not filed until May 4, 2022, one day late. The preliminary penalty is \$200. He is requesting a waiver of the penalty.

4. Request for Determination that Advertising Costs are not an Independent Expenditure – Brookfield White Pine Hydro LLC

On June 3, 2022 and June 6, 2022, Brookfield White Pine Hydro (BWPH) began disseminating communications – a digital video advertisement and radio advertisement, respectively – featuring Governor Janet Mills. Because the communications were disseminated within the 28 days prior to the June 14th primary election, and Governor Mills is running for reelection, BWPH requests a determination from the Commission that its communications are not to be considered independent expenditures.

5. Request for Determination that Advertising Costs are not an Independent Expenditure – Planned Parenthood Maine Action Fund

On May 24, 2022 and May 26, 2022, Planned Parenthood Maine Action Fund (PPMAF) began disseminating communications – a digital video advertisement and radio advertisement, respectively – featuring Governor Janet Mills. Because the communications were disseminated within the 28 days prior to the June 14th primary election, and Governor Mills is running for reelection, PPMAF requests a determination from the Commission that its communications are not to be considered independent expenditures.

6. Request for Determination that Mailing Costs are not an Independent Expenditure – U.S. Term Limits

During May 23 – June 3, 2022, U.S. Term Limits sent mailings referring to nine candidates who were opposed in the June 14, 2022 Republican primary election for Maine House of Representatives and Maine Senate. The organization explains the purpose of the mailings was to promote congressional term limits and highlight the candidates' positions on the issue. Because the communications were disseminated within the 28 days before the primary, U.S. Term Limits requests a determination from the Commission that their mailings are not to be considered independent expenditures.

7. Investigation of Software Provided by American Legislative Exchange Council

The Commission staff will report on the status of the investigation into ALEC CARE software that the American Legislative Exchange Council provides to its members as a free membership benefit.

Other Business

ADJOURNMENT