



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

May 28, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Note: this meeting will be conducted in person and streamed on the Commission's YouTube channel. A link to the channel may be found at www.maine.gov/ethics.

1. Ratification of the Minutes of the April 30, 2025 Meeting

2. Request for Investigation – School Construction Referenda in Cape Elizabeth

Robert Benoit and Mary Ann Lynch filed a complaint asking the Commission to investigate whether the Cape Elizabeth school department was required to register and file campaign finance reports as a ballot question committee. They believe the school department made expenditures of more than \$5,000 for newspaper advertisements and related costs for the purpose of influencing November 5, 2024 and June 10, 2025 school construction referenda. The school department responds that these costs were undertaken to engage and educate members of the public, consistent with direction given by the School Board and Town Council to a School Building Advisory Committee. *Staff recommendation: the Commission staff recommends taking no further action on the complaint.*

3. Report on Campaign Finance Constitutional Amendments

On November 7, 2023, Maine voters approved Question 2 which proposed a new section of Maine Election Law forbidding foreign governments from making expenditures or contributions to influence candidate or ballot question elections in Maine. The question also directed the Commission to issue an annual report on proposals in the U.S. Congress to amend the federal constitution to allow for greater regulation of how money is raised and spent to influence elections. The Commission will confirm procedures to be used for the 2025 report.

Executive Session (if necessary)

Other Business

ADJOURNMENT