



STATE OF MAINE
COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS
AND ELECTION PRACTICES
135 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
04333-0135

Agenda

June 24, 2026, 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 May 27, June 1 and 9, 2026 Meetings

2. Rulemaking

The Commission will hold a hearing to receive comments on a rulemaking regarding disclosure statements in paid communications to voters containing misleading images or audio of candidates and the increased threshold for independent expenditure reports.

3. Request for Waiver of Late-Filing Penalty – Derek Levasseur

Derek Levasseur, an unenrolled candidate for Governor, was required to file the 11-Day Pre-Primary Report on May 29, 2026. His treasurer filed the report on June 1. Mr. Levasseur requests a waiver of the preliminary penalty of \$1,026.25. *Staff recommendation: the Commission staff recommend reducing the penalty to \$350.*

4. Request for Waiver of Late-Filing Penalty – Hon. James Thorne

Rep. James Thorne, a candidate for the Maine House of Representatives, was required to file the 11-Day Pre-Primary Report on May 29, 2026. His treasurer filed the report on June 1. Rep. Thorne requests a waiver of a preliminary penalty of \$34.50. *Staff recommendation: the staff recommends not reducing the preliminary penalty because it is already below the range of penalties usually assessed when a report is filed late.*

5. Request for Waiver of Late-Filing Penalty – Hon. Doug Thomas

Doug Thomas, a candidate for the Maine House of Representatives, was required to file the 11-Day Pre-Primary Report on May 29, 2026. His treasurer filed the report on June 1. Mr. Thomas requests a waiver of a preliminary penalty of \$40.50. *Staff recommendation: the staff recommends not reducing the preliminary penalty because it is already below the range of penalties usually assessed when a report is filed late.*

6. Request for Waiver of Late-Filing Penalty – John Glowa

John Glowa, Sr., an unenrolled candidate for Governor, was required to file the 11-Day Pre-Primary Report on May 29, 2026. He filed the report on May 30. Mr. Glowa requests a waiver of a preliminary penalty of \$60.56. *Staff recommendation: the staff recommends not reducing the preliminary penalty because it is already below the range of penalties usually assessed when a report is filed late.*

7. Campaign Finance Reporting by State Rep. Richard Campbell

Representative Richard Campbell submitted a May 4, 2026 bank statement documenting that \$7,232.71 was in his campaign bank account. That balance agrees with the ending balance of his 2024 campaign. Commission staff recommends no further investigation of Rep. Campbell's 2024 campaign finance reporting.

8. Financial Activity by VoteRise to Influence Primary Election - POSTPONED until the July 29, 2026 meeting

At its June 9, 2026 meeting, the Commission voted to investigate text messages sent by VoteRise supporting three Democratic candidates for Governor. A complaint had been filed asserting noncompliance with the "paid for by" disclosure requirement. At the June 9 meeting, the Commission directed staff to investigate VoteRise's spending to verify it was not required to register with the Commission as a PAC or file campaign finance reports. The Commission staff expects to receive expenditure documentation shortly before the Commission's June 24, 2026 and to report back on the investigation.

Other Business

Executive Session (if necessary)

ADJOURNMENT