



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

March 30, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Note: this meeting will be conducted in person and will be streamed on the Commission's YouTube channel, a link will be posted on www.maine.gov/ethics. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting in person but must wear face coverings.

1. Ratification of the Minutes of the February 28, 2022 Meeting

2. Annual Statement of Sources of Income – Late Filings by Legislators

Members of the Maine Legislature are required to file an annual statement of the sources of their personal income by February 15th disclosing their employment and other income sources during the previous year. The statement also includes gifts, travel reimbursements, and positions in for profit, nonprofit and/or political organizations. State Representatives Chad Grignon, Frances Head, and MaryAnne Kinney filed their statements 23 or 24 days late, after the Commission sent them four email notices of the upcoming February 15 deadline and two post-deadline reminders by email and regular mail. The Commission will consider whether to find that the Representatives violated 1 M.R.S. § 1016-G(2) by not filing on time and to refer the Legislators to the Office of the Attorney General for collection of a civil penalty of up to \$100.

3. Request for Waiver of Late-Filing Penalty – Piscataquis County Republican Committee

The Piscataquis County Republican Committee was one week late in filing a campaign finance report due January 18, 2022 covering the 2021 calendar year. The preliminary penalty is \$500. The committee requests a waiver of the penalty due to the inexperience of the treasurer and because the committee had not been financially active for some years.

Staff recommendation: the staff recommends reducing the penalty to \$100.

4. ~~Request for Waiver of Late-Filing Penalty – Lobbyist Marta Nelson~~ WITHDRAWN

5. Overview of Maine Clean Election Act Program

In preparation for items that may be scheduled later in 2022, the Commission staff will provide an overview of the Maine Clean Election Act program, including the policy on when candidates may fix qualifying contributions that are defective. No action is required by the Commission.

Other Business

Executive Session – Legislative Ethics Complaint

The Commission will meet in executive session as required by 1 M.R.S. § 1013(3-A) to consider whether to take action on a complaint alleging that a Legislator engaged in a violation of legislative ethics as defined in 1 M.R.S. §§ 1014(2-A) & (3).

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