

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

Agenda April 27, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Note: this meeting will be conducted in person and will be 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 March 30, 2022 Meeting

2. Request for Waiver of Late-Filing Penalty – Lobbyist Kenneth Fredette

Kenneth Fredette registered as a lobbyist for his client, Voatz, on February 4, 2022. He was required to file a monthly report by March 15, 2022 but filed the report one week late. In a March 22, 2022 letter requesting a waiver of the preliminary \$100 penalty, he explains that his firm had not lobbied the Legislature for the client and therefore missed the deadline. Staff recommendation: the staff recommends not waiving the \$100 penalty.

3. Recommended Penalty for Failure to Register – Howard Patten and Timothy Keenan

After qualifying for the ballot through petitioning, candidates are required to appoint a treasurer and register with the Commission. Two candidates for State Representative qualified for the primary election ballot by submitting nominating petitions to the Secretary of State on March 7 and 14, 2022. They have not registered as candidates with the Commission in spite of multiple communications from the Commission staff, including by U.S. Mail and voicemail. Staff recommendation: the staff recommends finding each candidate in violation of the registration statute and assessing a \$100 penalty under 21-A M.R.S.A. § 1020-A(1).

Other Business

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