



Minutes of the June 30, 2021 Meeting of the
Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices
45 Memorial Circle, Augusta, Maine

Present: William A. Lee III, Esq., Chair; David R. Hastings, Esq.; Sarah LeClaire, Esq.; Dennis R. Marble; and William J. Schneider, Esq.

Staff: Jonathan Wayne, Executive Director; and Jon Bolton, Assistant Attorney General

Commissioner Lee convened the meeting at 9:02 a.m. The meeting was livestreamed via YouTube. The Commission considered the following items:

1. Legal Objections to Subpoena for Documents – Investigation of Stop the Corridor

Mr. Bolton said the Commission was meeting to consider a draft determination provided by the Commission staff to address Stop the Corridor's objections to a second subpoena for records. The draft determination incorporated the Commission's decision from its June 18, 2021 meeting.

Mr. Lee made a motion to adopt the written determination proposed by staff. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion.

Mr. Hastings made a motion to amend a description of the PAC definition on page 3 of the draft determination that Commission staff had emailed on the day before the meeting. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Lee made a motion to authorize the Chair to sign the written decision of the Commission in this matter. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

The Commission voted to approve the Determination, as amended, 5-0.

Other Business

The Commission discussed the recent change in law allowing for members of a public body to participate by remote methods in a meeting of the body. The Commission requested staff draft a proposed written policy for the Commission to consider at its July 30, 2021 meeting.

Mr. Lee made a motion to conduct the July 30, 2021 meeting in person. Mr. Marble seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment

Mr. Schneider made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lee, to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jonathan Wayne
Jonathan Wayne, Executive Director