

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

Summary of the June 9, 2017 Meeting of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices 45 Memorial Circle, Augusta, Maine

Present: Margaret E. Matheson, Esq., Chair; William A. Lee III, Esq., Meri N. Lowry, Esq., Hon. Richard A. Nass, Bradford A. Pattershall, Esq.

Staff: Jonathan Wayne, Executive Director; Phyllis Gardiner, Counsel

Commissioner Matheson convened the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

The Commission considered the following items:

## 1. Request to Investigate Funding for the York County Casino Initiative

Mr. Wayne provided a brief summary on this matter.

Rep. Louis Luchini appeared before the Commission to read his and Senator Garrett Mason's joint statement reaffirming their request for investigation.

Bruce M. Merrill, Esq., representing Horseracing Jobs Fairness Ballot Question Committee (HJF BQC), Lisa Scott, International Development Concepts, LLC (IDC), Miami Development Concepts, LLC (MDC), and Cheryl Timberlake as treasurer for HJF BQC, appeared before the Commission. Mr. Merrill reiterated the arguments against an investigation made in his May 23, 2017 letter to the Commission and responded to questions by the Commissioners.

Alexis Fallon, Esq., representing Capital Seven, LLC, and Regent Able Associate Co., appeared before the Commission. Ms. Fallon reiterated the arguments made in her May 23, 2017 response to the Commission and responded to questions by the Commissioners.

Avery T. Day, Esq., representing Cheryl Timberlake in her personal capacity, appeared before the Commission. Mr. Day made a brief statement and responded to questions by the Commissioners.

Mr. Lee made a motion to find there are sufficient grounds to conduct further investigation of Lisa Scott, MDC, IDC, Regent Able Associate Co., Capital Seven, LLC, Universal Capital Holding, LLC, Bridge Capital, LLC, and HJF BQC regarding possible non-compliance with the election and financing laws of Maine pertaining to the pending ballot question. Mr. Nass seconded the motion. Motion passed (5-0).

Mr. Lee made a motion to direct the Commission staff to conduct an investigation as outlined in the memorandum dated June 2, 2017 from Jonathan Wayne, Executive Director, to the Commissioners. Mr. Nass seconded the motion. Motion passed (5-0).

Mr. Wayne presented the Commissioners with subpoenas for HJF BQC and Lisa Scott for their review and the Chair's signature.

Mr. Nass made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pattershall, to adjourn. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

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

*The full transcript of the June 9, 2017 meeting of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices is available at: http://www.maine.gov/ethics.*