

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

# Agenda July 24, 2024, 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 <u>www.maine.gov/ethics</u>.

## 1. Ratification of the Minutes of the May 29, 2024 Meeting

### 2. Failure to File Campaign Finance Report – Building the Maine House PAC

Building the Maine House is a political action committee that was required to file the 11-Day Pre-Primary Report on May 31, 2024. It filed the report 46 days late on July 16, only after the Commission staff initiated an enforcement proceeding. Commission staff initiated the penalty process because the PAC has a unique history of not filing reports on time. Commission staff recommends consideration of a civil penalty or other enforcement action for the failure to file the 11-Day Pre-Primary Report within 30 days of the filing deadline.

### 3. Request for Investigation - May 2024 Referendum in St. George, Maine

Rep. Ann Higgins Matlack submitted a request for investigation concerning an anonymous postcard mailing to some residents of St. George, Maine urging a "no" vote on a May 2024 municipal referendum. She asks the Commission to investigate whether the card should have stated who paid for the mailing and whether the persons responsible should have filed information with the Commission.

### 4. Report on Proposals to Amend the U.S. Constitution – Campaign Finance Regulation

On November 7, 2023, Maine voters approved Question 2, which directed the Commission to issue a report by July 31, 2024 on proposals in the U.S. Congress to amend the federal constitution to allow for greater regulation of how money is raised and spent to influence elections.

**Executive Session (if necessary)** 

**Other Business** 

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