



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

Meeting of August 13, 2007

9:00 a.m., Commission Offices, 242 State Street, Augusta, Maine

1. Request for Disqualification of Commission Member Jean Ginn Marvin by Carl Lindemann

Carl Lindemann requests that the Commission consider disqualifying member Jean Ginn Marvin because she is an officer of the Maine Heritage Policy Center.

2. Ratification of Minutes of the July 16 Meeting

3. Request for Waiver of Late-Filing Penalty/House Republican Fund PAC

The House Republican Fund PAC requests a waiver of a late-filing penalty of \$51.05 because of an error contained in a reminder e-mail sent by Commission staff. The e-mail stated that the deadline fell on a Tuesday, when it was in fact a Monday. *Staff recommendation: the staff recommends granting a waiver of the penalty because of the error.*

4. Audit Findings/Hon. Philip A. Cressey

Representative Philip A. Cressey ran for re-election as a Maine Clean Election Act candidate in 2006. In the audit of his campaign, he was unable to produce documentation of a reported expenditure of \$517.63 to Staples for printing and cardstock. In addition, he purchased a flash drive for \$62.50. The Commission rules may have required him to sell the flash drive and return the proceeds to the Maine Clean Election Fund. At the May 14, 2007 meeting, the Commission postponed its consideration of the audit to provide Rep. Cressey with more time to explain the \$517.63 payment to Staples. He has provided an e-mail explanation of the expenditure.

5. Audit Finding/Hon. Glenn Cummings

Rep. Glenn Cummings was a 2006 candidate for re-election to the House of Representatives. The audit of his campaign disclosed that a reimbursement to himself of \$335 for postage was in fact a reimbursement for three smaller expenditures for postage and other goods. One vendor who received a payment of \$130 did not provide the agreed-upon services and did not cash the payment check. *Staff recommendation: the staff recommends that the Commission find the campaign in violation for not reporting the three expenditures with separate payees and amounts. Because of the minor nature of the violation, the staff recommends no penalty.*