

ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
January 13, 2021

A regular meeting of the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC) came to order at 9:02 am on January 13, 2021. The meeting was held remotely via Webex and teleconference.

Brackets [] indicate an agenda item number and that an information packet is included in the meeting binder. Asterisks * indicate that no information was included in the meeting binder.

Attendance:

Commission: Anne Helzer, Chair
Suzanne Hancock, Commissioner
Richard Stillie, Commissioner
Van Lawrence, Commissioner
Dan LaSota, Commissioner

Staff: Heather Hebdon, Executive Director
Heather Dalberg, Paralegal II
Jacqueline Odena, Paralegal I
Charles Stormont, Law Office Assistant II

Dept. of Law: Kimber Rodgers, Assistant Attorney General
Morgan Griffin, Assistant Attorney General

Attendees: Samuel Gottstein, Counsel for Complainant, Yes on 2 for Better Elections
Owen Yates, John Thorsness, Counsel for Respondent, Alaska Policy Forum
Mike Saltsman, Thomas Amodio, Counsel for Respondent, Protect my Ballot

Matt Singer, Counsel for Complainant, OneAlaska-Vote No on 1
Tom DeLauro, Counsel for Respondent, Vote Yes for Alaska's Fair Share

Keri Ann Baker, Counsel for Respondent, Lance Pruitt

Malan Paquette, Observer
Veri di Suvero, Observer
Eugene Carl Haberman, Observer

ON RECORD: 9:02 A.M.

Chair Helzer took a roll call of the Commissioners present and called the meeting to order.

Approval of the Agenda [*]

Commissioner Lawrence moved to approve agenda as written.

Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to approve the agenda as written.

Approval of Meeting Minutes [01]

September 23, 2020

October 5, 2020

October 7, 2020

October 21, 2020

Commissioner LaSota moved to approve the meetings minutes.

Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to approve the meeting minutes.

Consent Agenda, Candidate Civil Penalty Appeals and Referrals [02]

Jacqueline Odena presented the consent agenda for candidate civil penalty appeals and referrals.

Rep. Chris Tuck appeared telephonically and requested to have his appeal (item 3) removed from the consent agenda.

Jackie Odena, APOC staff, requested Julie Kavanaugh's referral (item number 7) be removed from the consent agenda as the penalty had been paid.

Commissioner Lawrence moved to approve items 1,2,4,5,6,8,9,10 on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to approve items 1,2,4,5,6,8,9,10 on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Stillie moved to remove items 3, and 7 from the consent agenda.

Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to remove items 3, and 7 from the consent agenda.

Commissioner Stillie moved to note item 7 as paid and resolved.

Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to note item 7 as paid and resolved.

Candidate	Chris Tuck
LATE REPORT	February 15, 2018 Year End Report
MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY	\$19,150
STAFF ASSESSED PENALTY	\$19,150
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Uphold Violation

Jacqueline Odena, Paralegal presented the staff recommendation and answered questions of the Commission.

Rep. Chris Tuck provided testimony in support of his appeal and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Lawrence moved to take item number 3 under advisement in executive session.

Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to take item number 3 under advisement in executive session.

Consent Agenda, Group Civil Penalty Appeals [03]

Jacqueline Odena presented the consent agenda for group civil penalty appeals and referrals.

Commissioner Lawrence moved to approve items 1-5 on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to approve items 1-5 on the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda, Lobbying Civil Penalty Appeals [04]

Heather Dalberg presented the consent agenda for lobbying civil penalty appeals.

Commissioner Stillie moved to approve item 1 on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to approve item 1 on the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda, POFD/LFD Civil Penalty Appeals and Referrals [05]

Heather Hebdon presented the consent agenda for POFD/LFD civil penalty appeals and referrals.

Commissioner Lawrence moved to approve items 1-2 on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to approved items 1-2 on the consent agenda.

Reconsideration of Civil Penalty, Alaska Family Action [06]

Jacqueline Odena presented staff's recommendation and answered questions from the Commission.

Group	Alaska Family Action
LATE REPORT	15-6 Independent Expenditures
MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY	\$3,650
STAFF ASSESSED PENALTY	\$3,650
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Uphold Violation

Group	Alaska Family Action
LATE REPORT	Entity Registration
MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY	\$1,500
STAFF ASSESSED PENALTY	\$750
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Reduce by 50% to \$375

Chair Helzer swore in Kim Minnery.

Kim Minnery appeared on behalf of Alaska Family Action, provided testimony, and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Lawrence moved to take this matter under advisement in executive session. Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion. The Commission voted 5-0 to take this matter under advisement in executive session.

Advisory Opinion 20-01-CD,

Lt. Governor’s Office, Departments of Revenue and Natural Resources [07]

Heather Hebdon presented the advisory opinion and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Lawrence moved to take this matter under advisement in executive session. Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion. The Commission voted 5-0 to take this matter under advisement in executive session.

Complaint 20-05-CD, RESCHEDULING HEARING

Yes on 2 For Better Elections v. Protect My Ballot and Alaska Policy Forum [08]

Commissioner LaSota moved to continue complaint 20-05-CD to June 10, 2021. Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion. The Commission voted 5-0 to continue complaint 20-05-CD to June 10, 2021.

OFF RECORD: 10:40 A.M.

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ON RECORD: 11:01 A.M.

Complaint 20-07-CD, RESCHEDULING HEARING

OneAlaska – Vote No on One v. Vote Yes for Alaska’s Fair Share [09]

Commissioner Lawrence moved to continue complaint 20-07-CD to June 10, 2021. Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion. The Commission voted 5-0 to continue complaint 20-07-CD to June 10, 2021.

OFF RECORD: 11:13 A.M.

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ON RECORD: 11:30 A.M.

Complaint 20-08-CD, RESCHEDULING HEARING

Paula DeLaiarro v. Lance Pruitt [10]

Commissioner Stillie moved to continue complaint 20-08-CD to June 10, 2021.

Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to continue complaint 20-08-CD to June 10, 2021.

Executive Director's Report [11]

Heather Hebdon presented the Executive Director's Report and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Lawrence moved to direct staff to begin analysis of Ballot Measure 2 and explore necessary revisions to current regulations.

Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to direct staff to begin analysis of Ballot Measure 2 and explore necessary revisions to current regulations.

OFF RECORD: 12:00 P.M.

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ON RECORD: 12:15 P.M.

Public Comment [*]

Malan Paquette addressed the Commission during the public comment period.

Veri di Suvero addressed the Commission during the public comment period.

Eugene Carl Haberman addressed the Commission during the public comment period.

Commissioner Lawrence moved to enter executive session at 1:45 P.M. January 13, 2021.

Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to enter executive session at 1:45 P.M. January 13, 2021.

OFF RECORD: 12:52 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNED