

ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING  
January 26, 2022

A regular meeting of the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC) came to order at 9:21 am on January 26, 2022. 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  
Thomas Lucas, Campaign Disclosure Coordinator  
Heather Dalberg, Paralegal  
Darrian Traw, Paralegal  
Charles Stormont, Paralegal  
Tamara Maddox, Campaign Disclosure Associate

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

**Attendees:** KD Roope – Observer  
Andree Mcleod – Observer  
Robin O’Donoghue – Observer  
Serena Green – Observer  
Eric Croft – Observer

**Group CPAs**

KD Roope, NEA Alaska PACE  
Aaron Plikat, Local 367 PAC  
Christine Hill, Midnight Sun Republican Women’s Club

**POFD CPAs and Referrals**

Martha Blazina

**ON RECORD: 9:21 A.M.**

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

**Approval of Meeting Minutes [01]**

September 29, 2021

**Commissioner Lawrence moved to amend the meeting minutes to add Kate Demarest and remove Kimber Rodgers on the meeting roster.**

**Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.**

**Commissioner Stillie moved to approve amended meeting minutes.**

**Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion.**

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

**Approval of the Agenda [\*]**

**Commissioner Lawrence moved to approve the agenda as written.**

**Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.**

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

**Consent Agenda, Group Civil Penalty Appeals and Referrals [02]**

Tom Lucas presented the consent agenda for candidate civil penalty appeals and referrals.

KD Roope appeared telephonically and requested item 1 be removed from the consent agenda.

Aaron Plikat appeared telephonically and requested item 6 be removed from the consent agenda.

Commissioner Lawrence requested items 9, 10 be removed from the consent agenda.

**Commissioner LaSota moved to remove items 1, 6, 9 and 10 on the consent agenda.**

**Commissioner Lawrence Seconded the motion**

**The Commission voted 5-0 to remove items 1, 6, 9 and 10 on the consent agenda.**

**Commissioner Stillie moved to approve items 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8 on the consent agenda.**

**Commissioner Lawrence Seconded the motion**

**The Commission voted 5-0 to approve items 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8 on the consent agenda.**

<b>Group</b>	<b>NEA Alaska PACE</b>
LATE REPORT	15-5 Statement of Contributions Report
MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY	\$3000
STAFF ASSESSED PENALTY	\$3000
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Uphold Violation

Tom Lucas presented staff's recommendation and answered questions from the Commission.

KD Roope appeared telephonically on behalf of NEA Alaska PACE, gave a brief statement, and answered questions from the Commission.

**Commissioner Lawrence moved to take the matter under advisement in executive session.  
Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.**

**The Commission voted 5-0 to take the matter under advisement in executive session.**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Local 367 PAC</b>
LATE REPORT	30 Day Campaign Disclosure Report
MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY	\$450
STAFF ASSESSED PENALTY	\$450
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Uphold Violation

Tom Lucas presented staff's recommendation and answered questions from the Commission.

Aaron Plikat appeared telephonically on behalf of Local 367 PAC, gave a brief statement, and answered questions from the Commission.

**Commissioner Lawrence moved to take the matter under advisement in executive session.  
Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.**

**The Commission voted 5-0 to take the matter under advisement in executive session.**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Frank Initiative</b>
LATE REPORT	Group Registration Campaign Disclosure Report
MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY	\$38,100
STAFF ASSESSED PENALTY	\$9,525
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Reduce by 90% to \$952.50

Tom Lucas presented staff's recommendation and answered questions from the Commission.

**Commissioner Lawrence moved to take the matter under advisement in executive session.  
Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.**

**The Commission voted 5-0 to take the matter under advisement in executive session.**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Frank Initiative</b>
LATE REPORT	Group Registration Campaign Disclosure Report
MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY	\$1,600
STAFF ASSESSED PENALTY	\$400
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Reduce by 90% to \$40

Tom Lucas presented staff's recommendation and answered questions from the Commission.

**Commissioner Lawrence moved to take the matter under advisement in executive session.  
Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.**

**The Commission voted 5-0 to take the matter under advisement in executive session.**

**Executive Directors Report [06]**

Heather Hebdon presented the Executive Director's report, answered questions from the Commission, and presented potential meeting dates for FY23

The Commission selected September 14, December 7, June 13-14 for FY23 meeting dates.

**Consent Agenda, POFD Civil Penalty Appeals and Referrals [04]**

Charles Stormont presented the consent agenda for POFD civil penalty appeals and referrals.

Martha Blazina requested item 3 be removed from the consent agenda.

Commissioner LaSota requested to remove item 3 from the consent agenda.

Commissioner Lawrence requested to remove item 7 from the consent agenda.

**Commissioner LaSota moved to approve item 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 on the consent agenda.**

**Commissioner Stillie Seconded the motion.**

**The Commission voted 5- to approve item 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 on the consent agenda.**

**Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.**

**Martha Blazina**

LATE REPORT	2021 Final POFD Statement
MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY	\$470
STAFF ASSESSED PENALTY	\$235
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Reduce by 90% to \$23.50

Charles Stormont presented staff's recommendation and answered questions from the Commission.

Martha Blazina appeared telephonically, gave a brief statement, and answered questions from the Commission.

**Commissioner Stillie moved to take item 3 under advisement in executive session.**

**Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion.**

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

Charles Stormont presented staff's proposed findings and order for item 7 and answered questions from the Commission.

**Commissioner Lawrence moved to approve staff's proposed findings and order for item 7.**

**Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.**

**The Commission voted 5-0 to approve staff's proposed findings and order for item 7.**

**Lobbying CPAs and Referrals [05]**

**Commissioner Lawrence moved to approve item 1 on the consent agenda.**

**Commissioner Stillie Seconded the motion**

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

**Regulation Changes Discussion [07]**

Tamara Maddox presented staff's preliminary draft of regulations relating to the new requirements under Ballot Measure 2 and answered questions from the Commission.

**Commissioner LaSota moved to hold a public hearing and take public comment on the proposed regulations during the June meeting.**

**Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.**

**The Commission voted 5-0 to hold a public hearing and take public comment on the proposed regulations during the June meeting.**

**Public Comment [\*]**

Commissioner Stillie addressed the Commission during the public comment period.

Chair Helzer addressed the Commission during the public comment period.

Eric Croft addressed the Commission during the public comment period.

Andree Mcleod addressed the Commission during the public comment period.

Commissioner LaSota addressed the Commission during the public comment period.

Commissioner Hancock addressed the Commission during the public comment period.

**Commissioner Lawrence moved to enter executive session.**

**Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.**

**The Commission voted 5-0 to enter executive session.**

**OFF RECORD: 11:36 A.M.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJORNED**