

ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
June 10, 2020

A regular meeting of the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC) came to order at 9:00 am on June 10, 2020. The meeting was held in the Elizabeth J. Hickerson Hearing Room at 2221 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Room 128, Anchorage, Alaska.

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.

In-Person Attendance:

Commission: Anne Helzer, Chair

Staff: Heather Hebdon, Executive Director
Dacia Collins, Law Office Assistant II

Telephonic Attendance:

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

Dept. of Law: Kimber Rodgers, Assistant Attorney General

Attendees: Eugene Haberman, Observer

Group CPAs and Referrals

Ross Thompson

Candidate CPAs and Referrals

John Cox
James Crawford

Civil Penalty Appeal Complaint 18-09-CD

Walker Mallott for Alaska v. Republican Governors Association
Stacey Stone, Attorney for Republican Governors Association
Paula DeLaiarro, Walker Mallott for Alaska

Complaint 20-02-CD

Putting Alaskans First v. ABC of Alaska

Stacey Stone, Attorney for ABC of Alaska

Amy Nieberg, ABC of Alaska

Joelle Hall, Putting Alaskans First

Complaint 20-03-CD

APOC Staff v. Christopher Constant

Christopher Constant

ON RECORD 9:00 A.M.

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

Approval of the Agenda [*]

Heather Hebdon, Executive Director, asked that item #7 be removed from the agenda, for future consideration.

Commissioner LaSota requested time to discuss teleconferencing technology.

Commissioner Stillie moved to amend the agenda to remove item #7 and to hold the Election of Officers at that time; and to replace the Election of Officers with Commissioner LaSota's topic of discussion.

Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.

Commissioner Lawrence moved to accept the amended agenda.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the motion.

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes [01]

February 5, 2020

May 15, 2020

Commissioner Lawrence moved to approve the meeting minutes as written.

Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.

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

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

Commissioner Lawrence moved to accept the Consent Agenda as written.

Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to approve the Group Consent Agenda as written.

Consent Agenda, Candidate Civil Penalty Appeals and Referrals [03]

Chair Helzer asked if any participants wished to have their appeals or referrals removed from the consent agenda.

John Cox and James Crawford requested their matters be removed from the consent agenda. Commissioner Stillie moved to remove items 3 and 5 on the consent agenda for Candidate civil penalty appeals and referrals.

Jacqueline Odena, Staff for APOC requested that item 4 be removed as the matter had been resolved and no Commission decision was needed.

Commissioner Stillie amended his motion to remove items 3, 4, and 5 from the consent agenda for Candidate civil penalty appeals and referrals.

Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion.

Commissioner Lawrence moved to approve the remaining items on the Candidate civil penalty and appeals consent agenda as written.

Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to approve items 1, 2, 6, and 7 on the consent agenda for Candidate civil penalty appeals and referrals.

John Cox	Candidate in 2020 State Primary Election
LATE REPORT	February 15 Campaign Disclosure Report
MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY	\$300
STAFF ASSESSED PENALTY	\$300
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Uphold \$300

Jacqueline Odena, Campaign Disclosure Paralegal presented the Staff Recommendation, and answered questions of the Commission.

John Cox gave a brief statement and answered questions of the Commission.

Commissioner Lawrence moved to take item 3 under advisement.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to take item 3 under advisement.

Item #4, the Candidate civil penalty referral for Oliver Schiess was resolved prior to the meeting, no decision was needed.

James Crawford	Candidate in 2018 State Primary Election
LATE REPORT	2019 Year End Campaign Disclosure Report
MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY	\$350
STAFF ASSESSED PENALTY	\$175
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Reduce by 50% to \$87.50

Jacqueline Odena, Campaign Disclosure Paralegal presented the Findings and Order, and answered questions of the Commission.

James Crawford gave a statement and answered questions of the Commission.

Commissioner Lawrence moved to take item 5 under advisement.

Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion

The Commission voted 5-0 to take item 5 under advisement.

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

POFD Civil Penalty Appeals and Referrals was presented by Heather Hebdon, APOC staff. Staff requested items 9, 12, 15, 18, 19, and 28 be removed as the penalties were paid and the matters resolved.

Commissioner Lawrence moved to dismiss items 9, 12, 15, 18, 19 and 28 from the consent agenda as the penalties were paid.

Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.

Commissioner Lawrence moved to approve items 1-8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20-27, and 29 on the consent agenda as written.

Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to approve items 1-8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20-27, and 29 on the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda, Lobbyist Civil Penalty Appeals and Referrals [05]

Lobbyist Civil Penalties and Appeals was presented by Heather Dalberg, APOC staff.

Commissioner Stillie moved to adopt the consent agenda as written.

Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion.

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

Civil Penalty Appeal, Complaint 18-09-CD

Walker Mallott for Alaska v. Republican Governors Association [06]

Thomas Lucas presented staff's civil penalty appeal recommendation and answered questions from Commissioners.

Stacey Stone appeared telephonically on behalf of Republican Governors Association, gave a brief statement, and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Lawrence moved to take the appeal under advisement during executive session.

Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to take the appeal up under advisement during executive session.

OFF RECORD 10:25 A.M.

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ON RECORD 10:45 A.M.

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

Election of Officers [*]

Commissioner Lawrence moved to allow the Commission to submit their ballot choices via email to the Executive Director and have results read at the end of the meeting.

Commissioner Hancock seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to approve the motion.

Executive Director's Report [8]

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

Litigation Update [*]

Kimber Rodgers, Assistant Attorney General presented her litigation update and answered questions of the Commission.

Public Comment [*]

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

OFF RECORD 12:10 P.M.

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ON RECORD 1:00 P.M.

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

Complaint 20-01-CD, Carmen v. Martinson [9]

Tom Lucas, Campaign Disclosure Coordinator presented staff's investigation report and answered questions of the Commission.

Commissioner Lawrence moved to take matter under advisement in executive session.

Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to approve the motion to take the matter under advisement.

Complaint 20-02-CD, Putting Alaskans First v. ABC of Alaska [10]

Tom Lucas, Campaign Disclosure Coordinator presented staff's investigation report and answered questions of the Commission.

Stacey Stone appeared telephonically on behalf of ABC of Alaska, gave a brief statement, and answered questions from the Commission.

Amy Nieberg, appeared telephonically on behalf of ABC of Alaska, gave a brief statement.

Joelle Hall, appeared telephonically on behalf of Putting Alaskans First, gave a brief statement, and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner LaSota moved to take the matter under advisement in executive session.

Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to approve the motion to take the matter under advisement.

Complaint 20-03-CD, APOC Staff v. Christopher Constant [11]

Tom Lucas, Campaign Disclosure Coordinator presented staff's investigation report and answered questions of the Commission.

Christopher Constant, Respondent appeared telephonically, gave a brief statement, and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Lawrence moved to take matter under advisement in executive session.

Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to approve the motion to take the matter under advisement.

Election of Officers [*]

Heather Hebdon, APOC Staff presented results of Election of Officers:

Anne Helzer – nominated Chair

Rick Stillie – nominated Vice Chair

Commissioner Lawrence moved to go into executive session.

Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.

The Commission voted 5-0 to move into executive session.

OFF RECORD 2:00 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNED