

ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING  
September 29, 2021

A regular meeting of the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC) came to order at 9:04 am on September 29, 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  
Thomas Lucas, Campaign Disclosure Coordinator  
Heather Dalberg, Paralegal  
Charles Stormont, Paralegal  
Tamara Maddox, Campaign Disclosure Associate

**Dept. of Law:** Kate Demarest, Assistant Attorney General  
Morgan Griffin, Assistant Attorney General

**Attendees:** Malan Paquette – Observer  
Eugene Haberman – Observer  
McKenzie Milligan – Observer/Paralegal for Stacey Stone

**Group CPAs**

Tom Amodio, House Democratic Campaign Committee  
Serena Green, IBEW 1547 PAC  
Joelle Hall, School Bonds Yes!

**Candidate CPAs and Referrals**

Stacey Stone, David Bronson

**Advisory Opinion 21-07-LOB/CD**

Heidi Drygas

**Complaint 21-02-CD,**

**Dunbar for Mayor v. Alaskans for Change - Bronson**

Paula DeLaiarro, Counsel for Complainant, Dunbar for Mayor

Tom Amodio, Counsel for Respondent, Respondent for Alaskans for Change

**Complaint 21-01-CD,**

**Dunbar for Mayor v. Bronson for Mayor**

Paula DeLaiarro, Counsel for Complainant, Dunbar for Mayor

Stacey Stone, Counsel for Respondent, Bronson for Mayor

**ON RECORD: 9:04 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 Stillie seconded the motion.**

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

**Approval of Meeting Minutes [01]**

June 9, 2021

June 10, 2021

**Commissioner Lawrence moved to approve the meetings minutes.**

**Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.**

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

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

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

Tom Amodio appeared telephonically and requested for item 1 to remain on the consent agenda.

Serena Green appeared telephonically item and requested item 2 be removed from the consent agenda.

Joelle Hall appeared telephonically and requested item 3 be removed from the consent agenda.

**Commissioner Lawrence moved to remove items 2 and 3 from the consent agenda.**

**Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.**

**The Commission voted 5-0 to remove items 2 and 3 from the consent agenda.**

**Commissioner Stillie moved to approve items 1 and 4 on the consent agenda.  
Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion.  
The Commission voted 5-0 to approve items 1 and 4 on the consent agenda.**

APOC staff, Chair Helzer called for a brief recess so that a technical issue could be resolved.

**OFF RECORD: 9:13 A.M.  
RECESS  
ON RECORD: 9:15 A.M.**

<b>Group</b>	<b>International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1547 Political Action Committee</b>
LATE REPORT	15-5 Statement of Contributions Report
MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY	\$1,000
STAFF ASSESSED PENALTY	\$1,000
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Uphold Violation

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

Serena Green appeared telephonically on behalf of IBEW/Local 157 Political Action Committee, gave a brief statement, and answered questions from the Commission.

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

<b>Group</b>	<b>School Bonds Yes!</b>
LATE REPORT	24 Hour Campaign Disclosure Report
STAFF ASSESSED PENALTY	\$6,250
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Refer to Attorney General's Office

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

Joelle Hall appeared telephonically on behalf of School Bonds Yes!, gave a brief statement, and answered questions from the Commission.

**Commissioner LaSota 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.**

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

Tom Lucas presented the consent agenda for candidate civil penalty appeals and referrals and noted requests from Rep. Tuck (items 6 and 9) and Sen. Micciche (item 2) to have their items postponed until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Commissioner Stillie requested for item 3 to be removed from the consent agenda.

Commissioner LaSota requested items 2, 6, and 9 be remove from the consent agenda.

Stacey Stone appeared telephonically on behalf of David Bronson and requested item 8 be removed from consent agenda.

**Commissioner LaSota moved to remove items 2, 3, 6, 8, and 9 from the consent agenda.**

**Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.**

**The Commission voted 5-0 to remove items 2, 3, 6, 8 and 9 from the consent agenda.**

**Commissioner Stillie moved to approve items 1, 4, 5, 7, and 10 – 14 on the consent agenda.**

**Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.**

**The Commission voted 5-0 to approve items 1, 4, 5, 7, and 10 – 14 on the consent agenda.**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Senator Peter Micciche</b>
LATE REPORT	2020 Public Office Expense Term Account Report
MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY	\$100
STAFF ASSESSED PENALTY	\$100
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Reduce by 50% to \$50

Chair Helzer noted Sen. Micciche’s request to have his appeal and referral be postponed to the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting.

**Commissioner LaSota moved to postpone Sen. Micciche’s appeal until the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting.**

**Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.**

**The Commission voted 5-0 to postpone Sen. Micciche’s appeal until the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting.**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Representative Sara Rasmussen</b>
LATE REPORT	2020 Public Office Expense Term Account Report
MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY	\$250
STAFF ASSESSED PENALTY	\$250
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Reduce by 50% to \$175

Commissioner Stillie noted an error in staff’s calculation of the reduced penalty amount.

Tom Lucas confirmed staff’s error and provided the correct calculation of the recommended 50% reduction.

**Commissioner Lawrence moved to approve a 50% reduction of \$250 to \$125 for the penalty.  
Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.  
The Commission voted 5-0 to approve a 50% reduction of \$250 to \$125 for the penalty.**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Representative Christopher Tuck</b>
LATE REPORT	24 Hour Campaign Disclosure Report
MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY	\$56,000
STAFF ASSESSED PENALTY	\$56,000
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Uphold Violation

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Representative Christopher Tuck</b>
LATE REPORT	2018 Year End Campaign Disclosure Report
STAFF ASSESSED PENALTY	\$12,797
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Refer to Attorney General's Office

Tom Lucas addressed the Commission and noted he'd received a voicemail from Rep. Tuck requesting his appeal and referral be postponed to the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting.

**Commissioner Lawrence moved to postpone Rep. Tuck's appeal until the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting.  
Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.  
The Commission voted 5-0 to postpone Rep. Tuck's appeal until the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting.**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>David Bronson</b>
LATE REPORT	7 Day Campaign Disclosure Report
MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY	\$500
STAFF ASSESSED PENALTY	\$500
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Uphold Violation

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

Stacey Stone presented testimony on behalf of David Bronson and answered questions from the Commission.

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

**Commissioner Lawrence moved to postpone Rep. Tuck's referral until the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting.  
Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.**

**The Commission voted 5-0 to postpone Rep. Tuck’s referral until the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting.**

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

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

Charles Stormont requested item 10 be removed from the consent agenda.

**Commissioner Stillie moved to remove item 10 from the consent agenda.**

**Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.**

**The Commission voted 5-0 to remove item 10 from the consent agenda.**

**Commissioner Lawrence moved to approve items 1 – 9, and 11 – 21 on the consent agenda.**

**Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.**

**The Commission voted 5-0 to approve items 1 – 9, and 11 – 21 on the consent agenda.**

**Commissioner Lawrence moved to accept item 10 as paid and resolved.**

**Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.**

**Then Commission voted 5-0 to accept item 10 as paid and resolved.**

**OFF RECORD: 10:22 A.M.**

**RECESS**

**ON RECORD: 10:30 AM**

**Advisory Opinion 21-07-LOB/CD**

**Heidi Drygas [05]**

Tom Lucas presented staff’s draft advisory opinion and answered questions of the Commission.

**Commissioner LaSota moved to adopt advisory opinion 21-07-LOB/CD.**

**Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion.**

**The Commission voted 5-0 to adopt advisory opinion 21-07-LOB/CD.**

**Public Comment [\*]**

Malan Paquette addressed the Commission during the public comment period.

Heidi Drygas responded to comments from the public.

Eugene Haberman addressed the Commission during the public comment period.

Commissioner LaSota addressed the public during the public comment period.

Commissioner Stillie addressed the public during the public comment period.

Chair Helzer addressed Malan Paquette during the public comment period.

**Executive Director’s Report [06]**

Heather Hebdon presented the Director’s report and answered questions from the Commission.

**Regulation Changes Discussion [07]**

Heather Hebdon presented staff's preliminary draft of regulations for new requirements under Ballot Measure 2 and answered questions from the Commission.

**OFF RECORD: 12:00 P.M.**

**RECESS**

**ON RECORD: 1:00 P.M.**

**Litigation Update [\*]**

Morgan Griffin appeared telephonically, gave a brief statement, and answered questions from the Commission.

**Complaint for 21-02-CD**

**Dunbar for Mayor v. Alaskans for Change – Bronson [08]**

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

Tom Amodio appeared telephonically on behalf of Alaskans for Change, gave a brief statement, and answered questions from the Commission.

Paula DeLaiarro appeared telephonically on behalf of Dunbar for Mayor, gave a brief statement, and answered questions from the Commission.

**Commissioner Lawrence made motion to enter executive session.**

**Commissioner Stillie second the motion.**

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

**Complaint for 21-01-CD**

**Dunbar for Mayor v. Bronson for Mayor [09]**

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

Stacey Stone appeared telephonically on behalf of Bronson for Mayor, gave a brief statement, and answered questions from the Commission.

Paula DeLaiarro appeared telephonically on behalf of Dunbar for Mayor, gave a brief statement, and answered questions from the Commission.

**Commissioner Stillie made motion to enter executive session.**

**Commissioner Lawrence second the motion.**

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

**OFF RECORD: 3:06 P.M.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNED**