

ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
June 10, 2021

A regular meeting of the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC) came to order at 9:03 am on June 10, 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 II
Jacqueline Odena, Paralegal I
Charles Stormont, Paralegal I

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

Attendees: **Complaint 20-05-CD,**
Yes on 2 for Better Elections v. Alaska Policy Forum and Protect My Ballot
Samuel Gottstein, Counsel for Complainant, Yes on 2 for Better Elections
Owen Yeates, John Thorsness, Counsel for Respondent, Alaska Policy Forum
Bethany Marcum, Respondent, Alaska Policy Forum
Mike Saltsman, Thomas Amodio, Counsel for Respondent, Protect my Ballot

Complaint 20-06-CD,
Yes on 2 for Better Elections v. Defend Alaska Elections – Vote No on 2
Samuel Gottstein, Counsel for Complainant, Yes on 2 for Better Elections
Lee Baxter, Counsel for Respondent, Defend Alaska Elections – Vote No on 2

Complaint 20-09-CD,

Yes on 2 for Better Elections v. Defend Alaska Elections – Vote No on 2

Samuel Gottstein, Counsel for Complainant, Yes on 2 for Better Elections

Lee Baxter, Counsel for Respondent, Defend Alaska Elections – Vote No on 2

Complaint 20-07-CD,

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

Matt Singer, Lee Baxter, Counsel for Complainant, OneAlaska – Vote No on One

Tony Guerriero, Counsel for Respondent, Vote Yes for Alaska’s Fair Share

Complaint 20-08-CD,

Paula DeLaiarro v. Lance Pruitt

Paula DeLaiarro, Complainant

Keri Ann Baker, Tom Amodio, Counsel for Respondent, Lance Pruitt

Lance Pruitt, Respondent

ON RECORD: 9:03 A.M.

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

Complaint 20-05-CD

Yes on 2 for Better Elections v. Alaska Policy Forum and Protect My Ballot [15]

Samuel Gottstein appeared in person on behalf of Yes on 2 for Better Elections, gave a brief opening statement, and answered questions from the Commission.

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

Owen Yeates appeared telephonically on behalf of Alaska Policy Forum, gave a brief statement, and answered questions from the Commission.

Tom Amodio appeared telephonically on behalf of Protect my Ballot, gave a brief statement, and answered questions from the Commission.

Tom Lucas briefly responded to Owen Yeates’ statement made on behalf of respondent Alaska Policy Forum.

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.

Complaint 20-06-CD

Yes on 2 for Better Elections v. Defend Alaska Elections – Vote No on 2 [16]

Samuel Gottstein appeared in person on behalf of Yes on 2 for Better Elections, gave a brief opening statement, and answered questions from the Commission.

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

Lee Baxter appeared telephonically on behalf of Defend Alaska Elections, gave a brief statement, and answered questions from the Commission.

Due to a technical issue related to APOC staff's audio, Chair Helzer called for a brief recess so the matter could be resolved.

OFF RECORD: 11:25 A.M.

RECESS

ON RECORD: 11:41 A.M.

Tom Lucas briefly responded to Lee Baxter's statement made on behalf of respondent Defend Alaska Elections.

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

Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion.

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

Complaint 20-09-CD

Yes on 2 for Better Elections v. Defend Alaska Elections – Vote No on 2 [17]

Samuel Gottstein appeared in person on behalf of Yes on 2 for Better Elections, gave a brief opening statement, and answered questions from the Commission.

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

Lee Baxter appeared telephonically on behalf of Defend Alaska Elections, 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.

OFF RECORD: 12:08 P.M.

RECESS

ON RECORD: 1:01 P.M.

Complaint 20-07-CD

OneAlaska – Vote No on One v. Vote Yes for Alaska’s Fair Share [18]

Lee Baxter appeared telephonically on behalf of OneAlaska, gave a brief opening statement, and answered questions from the Commission.

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

Tony Guerriero appeared telephonically on behalf of Vote Yes for Alaska’s Fair Share, gave a brief statement, and answered questions from the Commission.

Tom Lucas briefly responded to Tony Guerriero’s statement made on behalf of respondent Vote Yes for Alaska’s Fair Share.

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

Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion.

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

OFF RECORD: 1:47 P.M.

RECESS

ON RECORD: 2:01 P.M.

Complaint 20-08-CD

Paula DeLaiarro v. Lance Pruitt [19]

Paula DeLaiarro appeared telephonically, gave a brief opening statement, and answered questions from the Commission.

Jacqueline Odena presented staff’s investigation report and answered questions from the Commission.

Tom Amodio appeared telephonically on Lance Pruitt, gave a brief statement.

Lance Pruitt, appeared telephonically, gave a brief statement, and answered questions from the Commission.

Jacqueline Odena and Heather Hebdon briefly responded to Tom Amodio’s and Lance Pruitt’s statements made on behalf of respondent Lance Pruitt.

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.

OFF RECORD: 4:00 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNED