

ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING  
September 23, 2020

A regular meeting of the Alaska Public Offices Commission (APOC) came to order at 9:02 am on September 23, 2020. 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, Law Office Assistant I

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

**Attendees:** Michael Chambers, Individual  
Steven Merrill, Legal Counsel

**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 Stillie moved to approve agenda as written.**

**Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion.**

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

**Approval of Meeting Minutes [01]**

June 10, 2020

**Commissioner Stillie moved to amend the meeting minutes to add Suzanne Hancock to meeting agenda roster.**

**Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.**

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

**Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.**

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

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

The staff recommendations were presented by Jacqueline Odena, APOC staff.

At the request of APOC staff, item 6 was removed from the consent agenda because the matter had been resolved.

**Commissioner Stillie moved to approve items 1 - 5 and remove item 6, on the consent agenda for Candidate Civil Penalty Appeals and Referrals.**

**Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.**

**The Commission voted 5-0 to approve items 1-5 and remove item 6, on the consent agenda for Candidate Civil Penalty Appeals and Referrals.**

**OFF RECORD 9:14 A.M.**

**RECESS**

**ON RECORD 9:20 A.M.**

**Consent Agenda, Group Civil Penalty Appeals [03]**

The staff recommendations were presented by Thomas Lucas, APOC staff.

APOC staff noted a request for continuance by Michael Chambers (item 1).

**Commissioner Stillie moved to remove item 1 from the consent agenda for Group Civil Penalty Appeals.**

**Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.**

**Commissioner Lawrence objected.**

**Commissioner Stillie amended his motion to remove item 1 from the consent agenda to include that the matter be taken under advisement in executive session.**

**Commissioner Lawrence seconded the amended motion.**

**The Commission voted 5-0 to remove item 1 from the consent agenda and to take the matter under advisement in executive session.**

**Commissioner Lawrence moved to approve items 2 and 3 on the consent agenda for Group Civil Penalty Appeals.**

**Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.**

**The Commission voted 5-0 to approve items 2 and 3 on the consent agenda for Group Civil Penalty Appeals.**

**Consent Agenda, Lobbying Civil Penalty Appeals [04]**

The staff recommendations were presented by Heather Dalberg, APOC staff.

**Commissioner Stillie moved to approve items 1 - 3 on the consent agenda for Lobbying Civil Penalty Appeals.**

**Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.**

**The Commission voted 5-0 to approve items 1 - 3 on the consent agenda for Lobbying Civil Penalty Appeals.**

**OFF RECORD 9:33 A.M.**

**RECESS**

**ON RECORD 9:40 A.M.**

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

The staff recommendations were presented by Heather Hebdon, APOC staff.

At the request of APOC staff, item 6 was removed from the consent agenda because the matter had been resolved.

**Commissioner Stillie moved to remove item 6 from the consent agenda for POFD/LFD Civil Penalty Referrals.**

**Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion.**

**The Commission voted 5-0 to remove item 6 from the consent agenda for POFD/LFD Civil Penalty Referrals.**

**Commissioner Lawrence moved to approve items 1 - 5, and 7 on the consent agenda for POFD/LFD Civil Penalty Appeals and Referrals.**

**Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.**

**The Commission voted 5-0 to approve items 1 - 5, and 7 on the consent agenda for POFD/LFD Civil Penalty Appeals and Referrals.**

**Executive Director's Report [06]**

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

**OFF RECORD 9:53 A.M.**

**RECESS**

**ON RECORD 10:00 A.M.**

**Complaint 20-04-CD, APOC Staff v. Recover Alaska [07]**

Thomas Lucas presented the consent agreement and answered questions from the Commission.

**Commissioner Lawrence moved to approve the consent agreement for case 20-04-CD.**

**Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.**

**The Commission voted 5-0 to approve the consent agreement for case 20-04-CD as written.**

**Complaint 20-03-CD, APOC Staff v. Christopher Constant [08]**

Thomas Lucas presented the staff recommendation and answered questions from the Commission.

**Commissioner LaSota moved to adopt staff's recommendation for case 20-03-CD.**

**Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion.**

**The Commission voted 5-0 to adopt staff's recommendation for case 20-03-CD.**

**OFF RECORD: 10:21 A.M.**

**RECESS**

**ON RECORD: 10:30 A.M.**

**POFD Exemption Request – Christopher Kurka [09]**

Heather Hebdon presented the staff recommendation and answered questions from the Commission.

**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.**

**OFF RECORD: 10:40 A.M.**

**RECESS**

**ON RECORD: 10:45 A.M.**

**Advisory Opinion 20-01-CD,**

**Lt. Governor Kevin Meyer and Alaska Departments of Revenue and Natural Resources [10]**

Thomas Lucas presented the draft advisory opinion 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.**

**Public Comment [\*]**

Michael Chambers and his attorney, Steven Merrill, addressed the Commission during the public comment period.

**Commissioner Lawrence moved to vacate an earlier motion removing item 1 from the consent agenda to be taken under advisement in executive session [under Group Civil Penalty Appeals] and moved that the matter, instead, be heard after the public comment period.**

**Commissioner LaSota seconded the motion.**

**The Commission voted 5-0 to vacate the earlier motion to remove item 1 from the consent agenda to be taken under advisement in executive session[under Group Civil Penalty Appeals] and to hear the matter after the public comment period.**

**Michael Chambers, Group Civil Penalty Appeals [03]**

The staff recommendation was presented by Thomas Lucas, APOC staff.

<b>Michael Chambers</b>	<b>Individual</b>
LATE REPORT	15-6 Independent Expenditures
MAXIMUM CIVIL PENALTY	\$1,300
STAFF ASSESSED PENALTY	\$0.00
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Uphold Violation

Steven Merrill gave a brief statement on behalf of his client, Michael Chambers, and answered questions of the Commission.

Thomas Lucas responded to Mr. Merrill's statement and answered questions of 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.**

**Commissioner LaSota moved to recess until 1:00 P.M. and then enter into executive session.  
Commissioner Stillie seconded the motion.  
The Commission voted 5-0 to until 1:00 P.M. then enter into executive session.**

**OFF RECORD 12:39 P.M.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**ADJOURNED**