



STATE OF MAINE
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To: Commissioners
 From: Jonathan Wayne, Executive Director
 Date: September 19, 2016
 Re: Potential Special Meetings in Month before the General Election

The tentative meeting dates for the next three Commission meetings are:

September 28

October 26 (thirteen days before the November 8 general election)

November 30

During the 28 days before an election, the Commission is required to meet within two business days of the filing of a complaint with the Commission, unless the complainant and respondent agree otherwise. (21-A M.R.S.A. § 1002(1)) Complaints of minor violations may be postponed until after the election. This table shows the special meetings held in the weeks before the last four general elections:

	Special Meetings	Issues
2008	Two extra meetings held in October	Various compliance concerns about legislative and county candidates, and independent spenders
2010	special meeting held seven days before the general election	Complaints concerning gubernatorial, legislative and county candidates
2012	special meeting held one day before general election	Complaint that state agency provided unreported paid staff time to PAC opposing initiative
2014	special meeting held one day before general election	Possible illegal collusion between House candidate and supporters on mailing and ad to support candidate

To make this season more predictable for you, would you have any interest in setting aside one or two possible meeting times in the weeks before the election? If so, I could circulate potential dates by email. Or, we could schedule any special meetings on a case-by-case basis, which has been the Commission's past practice. Thank you either way.

2016 OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 Regular Meeting	27	28	29
30	31					

2016 NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 General Election	9	10	11	12
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