



STATE OF MAINE
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AND ELECTION PRACTICES
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Agenda

Meeting of October 30, 2004

3:00 p.m., Commission Offices, 242 State Street, Augusta, Maine

NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for Matching Funds by House Republicans

Andre Cushing, the State Coordinator for the House Republican Caucus, has requested matching funds for three house candidates and one Senate candidate running in Brunswick based on a cable television advertisement for the Democratic legislative candidates in the town. The Brunswick Democratic Town Committee has stated that it received advice from the Commission in 2002 that television advertising could be covered by the slate card exception. On October 24, 2002, the Commission members ruled unanimously that radio ads in Oxford County did not trigger matching funds because they were covered by the slate card exception.

2. Request for Matching Funds by Rep. Benjamin Dudley

Rep. Ben Dudley has requested matching funds based upon literature paid for by the Cumberland County Green Independent Party Committee. The literature mentions Pamela Cragin (Dudley's opponent) and two other Green candidates running for municipal office. Rep. Dudley argues that the piece does not meet the slate card exception because it predominantly advocates the election of Pamela Cragin.

3. Request for Matching Funds by Rep. Joe Perry

Rep. Joseph Perry has requested matching funds based on a four-page insert that was included in the Bangor Daily News. The insert contains profiles of three Republican Senate candidates, including Perry's opponent. Perry argues that because the insert was paid for by the Leadership for Maine's Future PAC – rather than a party committee – the "slate card" exception does not apply. The PAC paid for the literature by making an expenditure to the Penobscot County Republican Party, which paid a vendor for the literature. The cost of the literature is \$9,348.35.

Other

Miscellaneous as needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

If necessary.

ADJOURNMENT