



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
AND POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE
STATE OF ARIZONA
CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

Location: **Citizens Clean Elections Commission**
 1110 W. Washington, Suite 250
 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Date: **Thursday, October 29, 2026**

Time: **10:00 a. m.**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the Commissioners of the Citizens Clean Elections Commission and the general public that the Citizens Clean Elections Commission will hold a regular meeting, which is open to the public on October 29, 2026. This meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. **This meeting will be held in person and virtually. The meeting location will be open by 09:45 a.m. at the latest.** Instructions on how the public may participate in this meeting are below. For additional information, please call (602) 364-3477 or contact Commission staff at ccec@azcleelections.gov.

The meeting may be available for live streaming online at <https://www.youtube.com/c/AZCCEC>. You can also visit <https://www.azcleelections.gov/clean-elections-commission-meetings>. Members of the Citizens Clean Elections Commission may attend in person, by telephone, video, or internet conferencing.

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The Commission may allow time for public comment on any item on the agenda. Commission members may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing Commission staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism, or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

The Commission may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, for the purpose of obtaining legal advice on any item listed on the agenda, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A)(3). The Commission reserves the right at its discretion to address the agenda matters in an order different than outlined below.

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The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- I. Call to Order.
- II. Discussion and Possible Action on 2026 Meeting Minutes for September 24 and October 6.
- III. Discussion and Presentation on General Election Day Operations and Post-Election Procedures from Scott Jarrett, Maricopa County Election Director.*
- IV. Discussion and Possible Action on Executive Director's Report, Enforcement and Regulatory Updates, and Participating Candidate Update.

Note: The executive director's report includes announcements and information about elections and campaign finance, a report on voter education activities, administrative information, information on candidates running clean, reports on legal proceedings involving Clean Elections and other Arizona election officials, a report on correspondence from other agencies, appointments, enforcement status, notice of closure of complaints, the regulatory agenda, reports of the Auditor General, and the Governor's Regulatory Review Council. The legislative update includes bills that have or may be considered for action by the Arizona legislature or the Governor.

Materials are included in the Commission packet available on its website or by request at ccec@azcleanelections.gov/public-meetings

- V. Review, Consideration, Discussion, Analysis and Possible Action on Legal Update, Court Actions in *Lombardo and Collier v. Ariz. Citizens Clean Elections Comm'n*, No. CV-26-0346-PR & *Lombardo and Collier v. Ariz. Citizens Clean Elections Comm'n*, No. CV2026-037740 (Ariz. Super. Ct. Maricopa Cnty.).

The Commission may vote to go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public for legal advice or discussion or consultation with its attorneys in order to consider its position and instruct its attorneys regarding its position in pending or contemplated litigation. A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), (4).

- VI. Discussion and Possible Action on the 2026 Primary Election Audit Reports for Forty-Two (42) Participating Candidates. See Appendix for Full List.

- VII. Public Comment.

This is the time for consideration of comments and suggestions from the public. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or rescheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date or responding to criticism

- VIII. Adjournment.

This agenda is subject to change up to 24 hours prior to the meeting. A copy of the agenda background material provided to the Commission (with the exception of material relating to possible executive sessions) is available for public inspection at the Commission's office, 1110 W Washington St, #250, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

Dated this 27th day of October, 2026

Citizens Clean Elections Commission

Thomas M. Collins, Executive Director

* In the event of a scheduling conflict, another elections department official may give this presentation.

Appendix

The following participating candidate audit reports will be subject to discussion and possible action by the Commission on October 29, 2026. Statewide candidates are denoted with **:

Lloyd Johnson
Barby Ingle
Christine Dargon
Mary Rose
Lisa Fink
Shawn Wildman
Doug Everett
Jackie O'Donnell Anderson
Sandy Zalecki
Brian Garcia
Frank Roberts
Helen Hunter
Blair Moses
Mae Peshlakai
Les Presmyk **
Jamescita Peshlakai
Rick Spargo
Brian Calaway
Barbara Fike
Aiden Swallow
Eric Stafford
Christine Scianna
Joshua Ayala
Joseph Dailey
Cesar Aleman
Julie Gable
Angela Maloney
Jonathon Hill **
Betsy Munoz
Veronica Bajarano-Malone
David Richardson
Jeff Fortney
Timothy Ferrara
Clara Pratte **
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James Bishop
Nick Myers **
Kevin Thompson **
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THE STATE OF ARIZONA
CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION

REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING

Phoenix, Arizona
October 6, 2026
2:30 p.m.

By: Kathryn A. Blackwelder, RPR
Certified Reporter
Certificate No. 50666

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TRANSCRIPT**

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<p>1 VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING BEFORE THE CITIZENS 2 CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION convened at 2:30 p.m. on 3 October 6, 2026, at the State of Arizona, Clean 4 Elections Commission, 1110 West Washington, Conference 5 Room, Phoenix, Arizona, in the presence of the 6 following Board Members: 7 8 Mr. Mark Kimble, Chairman 9 Mr. Galen Paton 10 Ms. Christina Werther 11 Mr. Sam Crump 12 Mr. Steve Titla 13 14 OTHERS PRESENT: 15 Thomas M. Collins, Executive Director 16 Paula Thomas, Executive Officer 17 Mike Becker, Policy Director 18 Gina Roberts, Voter Education Director 19 Alec Shaffer, Web Content Manager 20 Bill Richards, Richards & Moskowitz 21 Samantha Fox, Richards & Moskowitz 22 Kate Hofland, Richards & Moskowitz 23 Craig Morgan, Taft Law 24 Cathy Herring, KCA 25 Baron Glassgow, Member of the Public Barbara Grout, Member of the Public Nathan Madden, Member of the Public</p>	<p>1 here. Then we will hear from Mr. Collins. Then public 2 comment, if any. Then Mr. La Sota again, if he chooses 3 to appear. 4 We'll hear first from Mr. La Sota on his -- 5 his objections. We may go into executive session, 6 which will not be open to the public, for legal advice 7 from independent counsel Bill Richards and Samantha Fox 8 of Richards and Moskowitz. 9 For the record, is Mr. La Sota present? 10 (No response.) 11 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. I guess he has 12 chosen not to attend. 13 Mr. Collins, do you want to speak? 14 MR. COLLINS: Sure. Yes. I think first I -- 15 I want to quick make a record. And Paula, I think -- 16 correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe Mr. La Sota 17 received the notice he's always received for these 18 meetings, and I want to make sure that that's clear. 19 MS. THOMAS: Chairman, Tom, yes, that's 20 correct. He did receive the 24-hour meeting notice. 21 MR. COLLINS: Okay. And, in fact, my counsel 22 in this matter has been e-mailing with Mr. La Sota all 23 afternoon, so I -- he's certainly not ignorant of the 24 fact that we're here. 25 With respect to the objections, I mean, I --</p>
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<p>1 P R O C E E D I N G 2 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Good afternoon. I'm 3 Mark Kimble and I call this meeting of the Citizens 4 Clean Elections Commission to order. It is 2:30 p.m. 5 on October 6, 2026. Today's meeting is being held 6 virtually. 7 With that, we will take attendance. 8 Commissioners, please identify yourselves for the 9 record. 10 COMMISSIONER PATON: Galen Paton. 11 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Sam Crump. 12 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Christina Werther. 13 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Steve Titla. 14 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, Commissioners. 15 All five of us are here today. We have a quorum. 16 Item II, review, consideration, discussion, 17 analysis, and possible action on requests to quash 18 subpoena duces tecum by Risa Lombardo, participating 19 candidate for Governor, and Duwayne Collier, 20 participating candidate for Secretary of State, 21 including a potential invitation to hear arguments 22 related to the requests, and Executive Director's 23 request for extension of investigation. 24 We will hear from Mr. La Sota first on his 25 objections, if he is here. He does not appear to be</p>	<p>1 I guess I don't have a lot to add to the response that 2 I submitted. I do want to supplement and just sort of 3 make clear what the timeline is here in terms of the 4 decision, apparently, by Mr. La Sota and his clients 5 not to participate in this process while at the same 6 time seemingly claiming that this process isn't moving 7 fast enough. 8 The first time that I requested material from 9 -- after the Commission meeting that I requested 10 material from the respondents was on August 31st, and I 11 asked Mr. Collier And Ms. Lombardo via Mr. La Sota to 12 produce the receipts of their \$5 qualifying 13 contribution slips that they're obligated to maintain 14 under 16-946. I asked them to bring them to the office 15 by September 2nd. We got no response whatsoever to 16 that request. 17 We then served the subpoena, and we can talk 18 a little bit about what the scope of the subpoena is in 19 a moment. But we did get the objection then, you know, 20 which was timely. 21 You know, at the -- we had a hearing in front 22 of Judge Julian. Mr. La Sota complained that we hadn't 23 yet asked Ms. Collier and Mr. -- or, Ms. Lombardo and 24 Mr. Collier to sit for interviews, so we promptly did 25 so on September 24th. And when Mr. Morgan followed</p>

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<p>1 up with them today, Mr. La Sota informed us that he's</p> <p>2 not available until November and that his clients</p> <p>3 would not be sitting for anything until the election</p> <p>4 is over.</p> <p>5 At the hearing in front of Judge Julian</p> <p>6 Mr. La Sota, which this is in -- and we have a</p> <p>7 transcript we can make available to you. But at Page</p> <p>8 18 of that transcript Mr. La Sota told the court that</p> <p>9 his clients were going to comply with the audit</p> <p>10 requests and -- and we have asked, through the audit</p> <p>11 process, for information about the subvendors that we</p> <p>12 know -- at least we know two of them, and we asked for</p> <p>13 that information. We have not been told anything,</p> <p>14 other than by the accountant for the campaign that he</p> <p>15 doesn't have any information he can provide us other</p> <p>16 than what we already have. But Mr. La Sota said --</p> <p>17 told the court that he would be -- they would -- there</p> <p>18 would be compliance there and -- so that hasn't</p> <p>19 happened.</p> <p>20 And I think -- interestingly enough, at the</p> <p>21 hearing, and this is at Page 10 and 11 of the</p> <p>22 transcript, Mr. La Sota confirmed that two of the</p> <p>23 vendors identified in my letter that are not identified</p> <p>24 in their campaign finance reports are, in fact,</p> <p>25 vendors, so -- but we don't have anything other than</p>	<p>1 supposed to be maintained.</p> <p>2 So, in other words, there's not a record that</p> <p>3 we've asked for in the subpoena that the respondents</p> <p>4 here aren't obligated to provide on request. We don't</p> <p>5 have to resort to -- we oughtn't have to resort to a</p> <p>6 subpoena, but I think the course of dealing here, you</p> <p>7 know, is such that that -- that it was reasonable,</p> <p>8 necessary in order to move this along.</p> <p>9 And now we've reached a point where, you</p> <p>10 know, it seems like we're not going to see any -- well,</p> <p>11 I mean, I don't -- I don't really know what Mr. La Sota</p> <p>12 proposes to do other than to be too busy to attend to</p> <p>13 this until November.</p> <p>14 So that's -- that's where things are. I --</p> <p>15 as I said, I don't know that I want to belabor any of</p> <p>16 this, but I did want to make -- make a clear record on</p> <p>17 those issues, and certainly I'm happy to answer any</p> <p>18 questions the Commission has.</p> <p>19 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Do any Members of the</p> <p>20 Commission have any questions of Mr. Collins?</p> <p>21 (No response.)</p> <p>22 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: I just want to reiterate</p> <p>23 one thing that -- that Tom said. In his letter to us</p> <p>24 Mr. La Sota said there is obvious retaliation against</p> <p>25 my clients for criticizing the Commission's Executive</p>
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<p>1 his, if you will, testimony in front of Judge Julian on</p> <p>2 that. We don't have the documents either via requests</p> <p>3 under audit, we don't have copies of the \$5 slips under</p> <p>4 just a request, and so, you know, in that context I</p> <p>5 think it becomes quite obvious that a subpoena was</p> <p>6 necessary in order just to get the slips alone and</p> <p>7 remains necessary.</p> <p>8 And I want to -- so, you know, I'm not going</p> <p>9 to spend a lot of time on this notion that the subpoena</p> <p>10 is retaliatory other than to say that there's no</p> <p>11 evidence that it is, and it is not.</p> <p>12 I will -- and then Mr. La Sota also has</p> <p>13 chosen not to submit any sort of categorical ways in</p> <p>14 which the subpoena is overbroad. But under our rules,</p> <p>15 principally R2-20-703(A)(2), participating candidates</p> <p>16 are required to retain records with respect to each</p> <p>17 expenditure and receipt, including bank records,</p> <p>18 vouchers, worksheets, receipts, bills, accounts,</p> <p>19 journals, ledgers, fundraising solicitation material,</p> <p>20 accounting systems documentation, and any related</p> <p>21 material documenting campaign receipts and disbursement</p> <p>22 for a period of three years, and they're supposed --</p> <p>23 those are supposed to be presented to the Commission on</p> <p>24 request, so -- and as I mentioned, 16-946(C)</p> <p>25 specifically says that the \$5 slip receipts are</p>	<p>1 Director, which as -- as Tom said, there's absolutely</p> <p>2 no evidence of that and it's -- it's a totally</p> <p>3 irresponsible statement.</p> <p>4 And he also says that the subpoena is overly</p> <p>5 burdensome and harassing and intended to further harm</p> <p>6 the candidacy of Lombardo and Collier, who the</p> <p>7 Commission's Executive Director opposes politically and</p> <p>8 has suggested are sham candidates.</p> <p>9 This is the opportunity for Mr. La Sota to</p> <p>10 back up those claims with some evidence. He's chosen</p> <p>11 not to -- not to appear. We are here because of him,</p> <p>12 and we'll proceed, but it irritates me that he has</p> <p>13 chosen not to appear after sending us this letter.</p> <p>14 Are there any comments from members of the</p> <p>15 public? Any member of the public who wishes to</p> <p>16 comment, raise your hand or wave your arms at me so I</p> <p>17 can see you.</p> <p>18 (No response.)</p> <p>19 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: At this time, I don't see</p> <p>20 any member of the public.</p> <p>21 And once again, Mr. La Sota, this is your</p> <p>22 chance to state your case, and I don't see you here.</p> <p>23 As indicated in the Agenda, the Commission</p> <p>24 may vote to go into executive session for legal advice</p> <p>25 pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3).</p>

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<p>1 If the Commission wishes to go into executive 2 session, is there a motion? 3 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Mr. Chair, I'd like to 4 make a motion for executive session on this matter. 5 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 6 Commissioner Werther. 7 Is there a second? 8 COMMISSIONER PATON: This is Paton. 9 COMMISSIONER TITLA: I second. 10 COMMISSIONER PATON: I'll second. 11 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton, second. 12 It's been moved and seconded we go into 13 executive session. I will call the roll. 14 Commissioner Werther. 15 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Aye. 16 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Crump. 17 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Aye. 18 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton. 19 COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye. 20 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Titla. 21 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Aye. 22 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Chair votes aye. We will 23 go into an executive session. 24 * * * * * 25 (End of executive session. Public meeting</p>	<p>1 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Aye. 2 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton. 3 COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye. 4 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Titla. 5 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Aye. 6 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Chair votes aye. The 7 mission is -- the motion is approved unanimously. 8 Secondly, do I have a motion regarding the 9 request by Staff to extend the investigation? 10 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Yes. Mr. Chairman, 11 I'd like to make a motion to grant the Executive 12 Director's request for an extension of the 13 investigation. 14 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 15 Commissioner Werther. 16 Is there a second? 17 COMMISSIONER TITLA: I second. 18 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 19 Commissioner Titla. 20 It's been moved and seconded that we grant 21 the Commissioner's -- Executive Director's request to 22 extend the investigation. I will call the roll. 23 Commissioner Werther. 24 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Aye. 25 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Crump.</p>
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<p>1 resumes at 2:48 p.m.) 2 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: We are back in regular 3 session. Let me just make sure everyone is here. It 4 appears to be so. 5 Any discussion from Members of the 6 Commission? 7 (No response.) 8 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: If not, do I have a motion 9 regarding Mr. La Sota's objections? 10 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Mr. Chairman, I'd like 11 to make a motion to deny the motion to quash the 12 subpoena duces tecum of Duwayne Collier and Risa 13 Lombardo. 14 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 15 Commissioner Werther. 16 Is there a second? 17 I'm sorry. Was someone... 18 COMMISSIONER TITLA: I second it. 19 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Titla, second. 20 I will call the roll on 21 Commissioner Werther's motion to deny the objection 22 from Mr. La Sota. 23 Commissioner Werther. 24 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Aye. 25 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Crump.</p>	<p>1 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Aye. 2 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Titla. 3 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Aye. 4 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton. 5 COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye. 6 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Chair votes aye. The 7 mission -- the motion is approved unanimously. Thank 8 you. 9 Item III, review, consideration, discussion, 10 analysis, and possible action on litigation involving 11 Risa Lombardo and Duwayne Collier, which now includes 12 lawsuits at both Maricopa County Superior Court 13 Number CV2026-037740, and Arizona Court of Appeals 14 Division One, Number 1 CA-SA 26-0368. 15 We will now Discuss the Lombardo versus 16 Citizens Clean Elections Commission matter. As 17 Commissioners may recall, the Superior Court did not 18 grant the petitioners' relief. Petitioners then sought 19 additional special action relief in the Court of 20 Appeals. We filed a response on Friday and petitioner 21 filed a response on Monday. 22 Before we consider going into executive 23 session, does any Commissioner have a question or 24 comment they wish to make in open session? 25 (No response.)</p>

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<p>1 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Hearing none.</p> <p>2 As indicated, the Commission may vote to go</p> <p>3 into executive session for legal advice pursuant to</p> <p>4 A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3). The public will not be allowed</p> <p>5 into executive session, nor with Mr. Collins -- nor</p> <p>6 will Mr. Collins be. We will seek legal advice from</p> <p>7 independent counsel Bill Richards and Samantha Fox</p> <p>8 of -- excuse me -- Richards and Moskowitz.</p> <p>9 Do we have a motion to go into executive</p> <p>10 session?</p> <p>11 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Mr. Chairman. Sorry to</p> <p>12 interrupt, Commissioner Werther. I see somebody has</p> <p>13 their hand up, and I was wondering if you were taking</p> <p>14 public comment on this item before we go to executive</p> <p>15 session.</p> <p>16 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you for calling my</p> <p>17 attention to that, Commissioner Crump.</p> <p>18 Mr. Madden, do you wish to comment on this</p> <p>19 matter?</p> <p>20 MR. MADDEN: I -- I was seeking the general</p> <p>21 public comment section. I'm not sure if this is it.</p> <p>22 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: No, this is not it. We</p> <p>23 will have that in just a couple minutes.</p> <p>24 MR. MADDEN: Okay. I can wait for that.</p> <p>25 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. Thank you,</p>	<p>1 go into an executive session.</p> <p>2 * * * * *</p> <p>3 (End of executive session. Public meeting</p> <p>4 resumes at 2:56 p.m.)</p> <p>5 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: We're back in regular</p> <p>6 session.</p> <p>7 Is there any further discussion on Item III?</p> <p>8 (No response.)</p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Hearing none.</p> <p>10 Do I have a motion regarding the litigation?</p> <p>11 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: I don't think we need</p> <p>12 any motion, from my understanding.</p> <p>13 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. Mr. Richards, is</p> <p>14 that okay?</p> <p>15 MR. RICHARDS: Yes, Chairman Kimble, I</p> <p>16 believe that's fine.</p> <p>17 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. Fine. Thank you.</p> <p>18 We'll -- then without objection, we'll move</p> <p>19 on to Item IV, public comment. This is the time for</p> <p>20 consideration of comments and suggestions from the</p> <p>21 public. Action taken as a result of public comment may</p> <p>22 be limited to directing Staff to study the matter,</p> <p>23 rescheduling it for further consideration, or</p> <p>24 responding to criticism. Please limit your comments to</p> <p>25 no more than two minutes.</p>
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<p>1 Mr. Madden.</p> <p>2 Okay. Do we have a motion to go into</p> <p>3 executive -- I guess we did have a motion, didn't we?</p> <p>4 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: No, not yet.</p> <p>5 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Not yet. Okay.</p> <p>6 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Mr. Chairman, I'd like</p> <p>7 to make a motion to move into executive session for</p> <p>8 Item III.</p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. Commissioner</p> <p>10 Werther.</p> <p>11 Is there a second?</p> <p>12 COMMISSIONER TITLA: I second.</p> <p>13 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you,</p> <p>14 Commissioner Titla.</p> <p>15 It's been moved and seconded that we go into</p> <p>16 executive session. I will call the roll.</p> <p>17 Commissioner Werther.</p> <p>18 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Aye.</p> <p>19 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Crump.</p> <p>20 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Aye.</p> <p>21 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Titla.</p> <p>22 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Aye.</p> <p>23 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton.</p> <p>24 COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye.</p> <p>25 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Chair votes aye. We will</p>	<p>1 Does anyone on Zoom wish to make a comment?</p> <p>2 Mr. Madden, I know you are. Thank you for</p> <p>3 being patient. You have the floor, Mr. Madden.</p> <p>4 MR. MADDEN: Thank you, Chairman Kimble and</p> <p>5 Members of the Commission and Staff. I was just</p> <p>6 curious, since we're -- you know, everybody is dealing</p> <p>7 with the Green Party candidates who are balloted and</p> <p>8 going into, you know, the debates and whatnot, I was</p> <p>9 just curious as to why the Libertarian candidates, who</p> <p>10 are also balloted, have been kept out of debates.</p> <p>11 I know tomorrow, I think it's the 7th -- yes,</p> <p>12 tomorrow is the 7th -- there's a Congressional</p> <p>13 District 1 debate. Monica Alponente is a signed,</p> <p>14 certified, and balloted candidate for the Libertarian</p> <p>15 Party, and she's being kept from the debate, according</p> <p>16 to the website on, you know, Clean Elections</p> <p>17 Commission. If -- if you guys are able to respond, I'd</p> <p>18 appreciate an answer. If not, perhaps Staff could take</p> <p>19 a look at this and possibly reach out to the candidate</p> <p>20 and offer a position on stage. Thank you.</p> <p>21 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, Mr. Madden.</p> <p>22 Tom, is there anything you want to say about</p> <p>23 this?</p> <p>24 MR. COLLINS: I'm happy to follow up with</p> <p>25 Mr. Madden or the candidate in the meantime. That's</p>

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<p>1 about the best I can do.</p> <p>2 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. Mr. Madden, Tom will</p> <p>3 get in touch with you and --</p> <p>4 COMMISSIONER PATON: I -- I would like to --</p> <p>5 I would like to make a comment.</p> <p>6 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. Mr. Paton.</p> <p>7 COMMISSIONER PATON: I mean, I don't know of</p> <p>8 the logistics or anything like that and -- or any of</p> <p>9 the background, but I would support having a</p> <p>10 Libertarian candidate have a chance to debate these</p> <p>11 other people. I think we're about debates and -- I</p> <p>12 mean, if there was a hundred people or whatever, I</p> <p>13 could understand, but -- anyway, that's -- that's my</p> <p>14 input.</p> <p>15 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman,</p> <p>16 Commissioner Paton, as I say, I don't -- I don't know</p> <p>17 enough about the situation to speak to it</p> <p>18 authoritatively.</p> <p>19 COMMISSIONER PATON: Okay.</p> <p>20 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. Thank you,</p> <p>21 Commissioner Paton. Thank you, Tom.</p> <p>22 Does anyone else have any comments or</p> <p>23 questions?</p> <p>24 (No response.)</p> <p>25 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: The public may also submit</p>	<p>1 STATE OF ARIZONA)</p> <p>) ss.</p> <p>2 COUNTY OF MARICOPA)</p> <p>3</p> <p>4 BE IT KNOWN that the foregoing proceedings</p> <p>5 were taken by me; that I was then and there a Certified</p> <p>6 Reporter of the State of Arizona; that the proceedings</p> <p>7 were taken down by me in shorthand and thereafter</p> <p>8 transcribed into typewriting under my direction; that</p> <p>9 the foregoing pages are a full, true, and accurate</p> <p>10 transcript of all proceedings had and adduced upon the</p> <p>11 taking of said proceedings, all to the best of my skill</p> <p>12 and ability.</p> <p>13</p> <p>14 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am in no way related</p> <p>15 to nor employed by any of the parties hereto nor am I</p> <p>16 in any way interested in the outcome hereof.</p> <p>17</p> <p>18 DATED at Tempe, Arizona, this 6th day of</p> <p>19 October, 2026.</p> <p>20</p> <p>21 </p> <p>22 Kathryn A. Blackwelder, RPR</p> <p>23 Certified Reporter #50666</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p>
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<p>1 comments by e-mail at ccec@azcleelections.gov.</p> <p>2 Item V, adjournment. At this time, I would</p> <p>3 entertain a motion to adjourn.</p> <p>4 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Mr. Chair, I move to</p> <p>5 adjourn.</p> <p>6 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you,</p> <p>7 Commissioner Werther.</p> <p>8 Is there a second?</p> <p>9 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: I'll second.</p> <p>10 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Was that</p> <p>11 Commissioner Crump?</p> <p>12 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Yes.</p> <p>13 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. It's been moved and</p> <p>14 seconded that we adjourn. I will call the roll.</p> <p>15 Commissioner Werther.</p> <p>16 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Aye.</p> <p>17 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Crump.</p> <p>18 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Aye.</p> <p>19 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Titla.</p> <p>20 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Aye.</p> <p>21 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton.</p> <p>22 COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye.</p> <p>23 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: We are adjourned. Chair</p> <p>24 votes aye. We are adjourned. Thank you.</p> <p>25 (The meeting concluded at 3:01 p.m.)</p>	

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<p>1 PUBLIC MEETING BEFORE THE CITIZENS CLEAN 2 ELECTIONS COMMISSION convened at 10:00 a.m. on 3 September 24, 2026, at the State of Arizona, Clean 4 Elections Commission, 1110 West Washington, Conference 5 Room, Phoenix, Arizona, in the presence of the 6 following Board Members: 7 8 Mr. Mark Kimble, Chairman 9 Mr. Galen Paton 10 Ms. Christina Werther 11 Mr. Sam Crump 12 Mr. Steve Titla 13 14 OTHERS PRESENT: 15 16 Thomas M. Collins, Executive Director 17 Paula Thomas, Executive Officer 18 Mike Becker, Policy Director 19 Gina Roberts, Voter Education Director 20 Avery Xola, Voter Education Manager 21 Alec Shaffer, Web Content Manager 22 Craig Morgan, Taft Law 23 Bill Richards, Richards & Moskowitz 24 Samantha Fox, Richards & Moskowitz 25 Cathy Herring, KCA Kory Langhofer, Statecraft Nick Myers, Member of the Public Kevin Thompson, Member of the Public Alaina Menciger, Arizona Republic Baron Glassgow, Member of the Public Jon Ralson, Member of the Public Merissa Caldwell, Member of the Public Tom Ryan, Member of the Public</p>	<p>1 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Mr. Chairman, I move 2 to approve the meeting minutes for August 27th, 3 September 2nd, September 10th, and September 16th. 4 COMMISSIONER TITLA: I second the motion. 5 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 6 Commissioners Werther and -- for making the motion and 7 for -- Commissioner Titla for seconding it. I will 8 call the roll. 9 Commissioner Werther. 10 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Aye. 11 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton. 12 COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye. 13 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Crump. 14 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Aye. 15 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Titla. 16 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Aye. 17 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Chair votes aye. The 18 meetings for -- excuse me. The minutes for the 19 meetings on August 27th, September 2nd, September 10th, 20 and September 16th have been approved 5-to-zero. 21 Item III, discussion and possible action on 22 the Executive Director's Report. 23 Tom, are there highlights you want to talk 24 about from the Executive Director's Report? 25 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners,</p>
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<p>1 P R O C E E D I N G 2 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Good morning. I'm 3 Mark Kimble and I call this meeting of the Citizens 4 Clean Elections Commission to order. It's 10:00 a.m. 5 on September 24th, 2026. Today's meeting is being held 6 in person and also virtually. 7 With that, we will take attendance. 8 Commissioners, please identify yourselves for the 9 record. 10 COMMISSIONER PATON: Galen Paton. 11 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Christina Werther. 12 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Steve Titla. 13 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Sam Crump. 14 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: We have all five 15 Commissioners present here. 16 Item II, discussion and possible action on 17 2026 meeting minutes for August 27th, September 2nd, 18 September 10th, and September 16th. 19 Commissioners, you have the minutes from our 20 August 27th, September 2nd, September 10th, and 21 September 16th meetings in your packet. Is there any 22 discussion? 23 (No response.) 24 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: If not, do I have a motion 25 to approve the minutes?</p>	<p>1 yes, there are. I wanted to note, I mean, 2 Chairman Kimble wrote a, I thought, a very eloquent 3 memorial for Senator Kyl that we were able to post 4 on -- put out to the public and we included in the 5 report so everybody got a chance to see it. So thank 6 you, Chairman Kimble, for doing that. 7 We -- as far as our work, election work, the 8 Voter Education Guide has gone out in the mail. Of 208 9 candidates that were eligible for inclusion, we've had 10 198 submit profiles. And our website is now updated 11 with candidate and ballot measure information for all 12 15 counties. You know, I think the continued usage of 13 the Voter Education Guide by both candidates and the 14 public is an important thing to -- to note. 15 For those of you who don't know, the voter 16 registration deadline is October 5th. 17 And then we discussed in our last Executive 18 Director's Report the Postal Service rule with respect 19 to mail ballots, and at least at this point that will 20 not go into effect for the 2026 election. 21 We -- we have -- we're, what -- I would say, 22 what, three quarters of the way through our debate 23 schedule for the general election at this point. We 24 had our Attorney General and Treasurer debates last 25 night. We will have additional Secretary of State,</p>

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<p>1 Congressional District 1, Congressional District 4, and 2 some other televised debates coming up, as well as 3 legislative debates. So, you know, I think that 4 that's -- 5 I got an e-mail -- I got a message last night 6 from -- from a political professional, I guess is the 7 word, with one of the candidates who, you know, said 8 that -- just needed -- wanted to make sure that I knew, 9 so you can know, how good they thought their experience 10 was -- their candidate's experience was in dealing with 11 our team and -- and, you know, having everything, you 12 know, ready to go and -- and so that's always nice to 13 hear. And we consistently hear that, I think, from 14 most, but obviously not all, of our customers here at 15 Clean Elections. 16 The -- we've done a ton of voter outreach 17 this month. I wanted to note, I want to spend a little 18 more time on the report than I usually would because of 19 that. 20 But Avery coordinated having us on all three 21 university campuses on National Voter Registration Day 22 for the first time. So I was in Tucson, we had our -- 23 we had our -- our interns stationed in Flagstaff at 24 NAU, and then we had Avery and Gina at ASU. So that 25 was pretty cool.</p>	<p>1 at different careers, whether those be post-secondary 2 education, whether those be law enforcement, whether 3 those be, you know, any number of things. And it 4 really -- it's a -- it's a great event to help kick off 5 those kids' career and we're glad to be a part of that. 6 I think that that pretty much concludes my 7 report. 8 I did want to highlight, there are two 9 matters that, pursuant to -- one pursuant to 10 R2-20-811(F) and one pursuant to R2-20-205, that I 11 closed, and those are available for your review. And 12 so I wanted to just make sure that you knew those were 13 there. 14 And that, I think, concludes my report, 15 unless anybody thinks I missed anything. 16 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Any questions or comments 17 from Members of the Commission? 18 (No response.) 19 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Tom mentioned that there 20 were two items closing complaints in his report. Is 21 there anyone who wishes to make public comment on these 22 two closed complaints? If you're on Zoom, could you 23 either use your raise hand feature or wave at me or 24 something so I know you wish to make a comment on this. 25 (No response.)</p>
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<p>1 And then Avery also participated in a -- in a 2 similar event at South Mountain Community College 3 and -- and also did outreach to Kids Voting to talk 4 with them. 5 And then Commissioner Werther visited 6 Palominas Elementary for Constitution Week and 7 delivered Captain Activate copies to -- to them. You 8 can see a photo of that that we -- I think we stole 9 from -- yeah, but -- but that -- so that was really 10 good. 11 And I was up in the Four Corners area in 12 Window Rock for a broadcast with KTNN with all -- all 13 three of the counties that serve the Nation and the 14 Secretary of State's Office and the Navajo Nation 15 Department of Justice. So, you know, we really, I 16 think, were out and about. 17 And on the civics front, Gina presented our 18 civics curriculum to the Arizona Middle Grades Summit 19 at ASU, and Avery and Gina and I were all there. 20 And then Avery has spent the last, what, two, 21 three days at the Tolleson's Commitment Day ceremonies. 22 And this is a great event we participated in last year 23 where Tolleson Unified High School District, you know, 24 brings together students from their school district 25 to -- in kind of a commitment day. So they're looking</p>	<p>1 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Seeing no one, we will move 2 on. 3 Item IV, review, consideration, discussion, 4 analysis, and possible action on MUR 26-07 and MUR 5 26-10. 6 Item IV is review, consideration, discussion, 7 analysis, possible action on MUR 26-07 and MUR-20 -- 8 26-10, complaints regarding participating candidates 9 Nick Myers and Kevin Thompson. Commissioners, you have 10 the relevant materials in your packets. 11 Is either -- I think both respondents are 12 here. And does any -- either one of the respondents 13 wish to say anything at this time? 14 MR. MYERS: Yes, sir. I just wanted to say 15 thank you for having us and thank you for considering 16 this. Sorry I can't be there in person, but we do have 17 our counsel there in the room. 18 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. I'm sorry, sir. 19 Could you state your name for the record? 20 MR. MYERS: Yeah, this is Nick Myers. 21 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. Mr. Myers, thank 22 you. 23 And I think we have Mr. Thompson. Is there 24 anything you wanted to say? 25 MR. THOMPSON: Yes. Thank you, Chair. Thank</p>

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<p>1 you, Commissioners. I just really want to say I</p> <p>2 appreciate the opportunity to be before the Commission</p> <p>3 this morning. I think you have been busy lately.</p> <p>4 And as a Clean Elections candidate, I take</p> <p>5 the responsibilities and the rules of -- as a</p> <p>6 participating candidate seriously, and I know Mr. Myers</p> <p>7 does as well. And we look forward to a productive</p> <p>8 conversation this morning and -- and helping the</p> <p>9 Commission and public better understand our position.</p> <p>10 Thank you.</p> <p>11 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, Mr. Thompson.</p> <p>12 Mr. Langhofer, before I call on you, I'd like</p> <p>13 to ask the Executive Director to make an opening</p> <p>14 statement.</p> <p>15 MR. COLLINS: And Mr. Chairman, thank you,</p> <p>16 Commissioners. And I -- I don't want to, I mean,</p> <p>17 belabor the -- my recommendations. The -- I did</p> <p>18 obviously want to note that Mr. Langhofer is here, as</p> <p>19 are the two candidates.</p> <p>20 So the main thing I wanted to do was sort of</p> <p>21 start by sort of narrowing this down. We had two</p> <p>22 complaints that -- that had sort of an overletting --</p> <p>23 overlapping set of facts.</p> <p>24 With respect to the majority of MUR 26-07,</p> <p>25 you know, our view is that there's no reason to believe</p>	<p>1 here are -- I don't anticipate being difficult to</p> <p>2 obtain and -- and conclude this matter.</p> <p>3 So unless you really have any questions, I</p> <p>4 really -- I really -- I think this is a straightforward</p> <p>5 issue under the rule. I think the rule is valid. And</p> <p>6 I think that, as far as resolving this, past that I</p> <p>7 don't think that there's a lot of facts out there for</p> <p>8 us to confirm.</p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, Tom.</p> <p>10 Any questions from Members of the Commission</p> <p>11 of Tom?</p> <p>12 (No response.)</p> <p>13 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. Mr. Langhofer, do</p> <p>14 you wish to make some comments?</p> <p>15 MR. LANGHOFER: Yes, sir. Thank you,</p> <p>16 Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission.</p> <p>17 There we go. Hopefully that's better.</p> <p>18 Good morning and thank you for giving me a</p> <p>19 chance to speak on behalf of our clients. I just want</p> <p>20 to make three points. I don't have a whole lot to say.</p> <p>21 The first is, I'll observe that I think the</p> <p>22 scope of what we're talking about is pretty small. As</p> <p>23 far as violations go, it's not so large.</p> <p>24 Factually what happened was, there were some</p> <p>25 signs left over from the last Corporation Commission</p>
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<p>1 that a violation occurred with respect to the joint</p> <p>2 expenditure provision of that complaint and that</p> <p>3 this -- and that there's not an unreported unreimbursed</p> <p>4 campaign service there either. So we -- we think that.</p> <p>5 And then there's a kind of a very -- a</p> <p>6 small -- it ends up with a small overage on one refund</p> <p>7 that hasn't been done yet possibly, which we'll -- we</p> <p>8 will work out through our audit process, so --</p> <p>9 So that leaves us -- left us with the one</p> <p>10 overlapping set of the complaint between 26-07 and</p> <p>11 26-10. And I'll -- excuse me -- note that it looks</p> <p>12 like the complainant in 26-10, Merissa Caldwell, is</p> <p>13 here too.</p> <p>14 And there -- you know, I think that we are --</p> <p>15 I think that the report hopefully speaks for itself.</p> <p>16 You know, we have a rule. It might be that the purpose</p> <p>17 of that rule is to try to address, you know, the</p> <p>18 in-kind end of -- of prior existing fundraising. And</p> <p>19 we have a way of addressing that on the cash end. This</p> <p>20 rule, I think, tries to address that on the in-kind</p> <p>21 end.</p> <p>22 And so I think on the reason to believe</p> <p>23 matter, I think it's pretty clear. And then, you</p> <p>24 know -- and I'll just say I think that -- I think that</p> <p>25 the facts here beyond reason -- beyond determination</p>	<p>1 election cycle with these candidates from 2022. And</p> <p>2 the -- some of the signs, not all of them, from the</p> <p>3 last cycle were collected and stored in, I think,</p> <p>4 someone's garage. Some of them had the rebar; some of</p> <p>5 them didn't. They're, you know, damaged and weathered,</p> <p>6 so, you know, just sort of suboptimal set of materials</p> <p>7 there. And they reused some of them; about 50, we</p> <p>8 think. Not a huge number. And again, they didn't</p> <p>9 reuse all of them because some of the rebar was</p> <p>10 missing.</p> <p>11 So if we're talking about a 20 percent cost</p> <p>12 of 50 signs, we're dealing with a high water mark of</p> <p>13 the cost of 10 signs or so, full cost, after the</p> <p>14 20 percent discount. So this is not a huge number that</p> <p>15 we're dealing with, but -- and we've got some arguments</p> <p>16 about how that valuation should be played out. But the</p> <p>17 first point is just, it's not an enormous problem here.</p> <p>18 That said, it's an issue, and we want to take</p> <p>19 care of it. My -- my clients really appreciate what</p> <p>20 the Commission has done for, you know, financing their</p> <p>21 campaigns historically, but it's also enabling this</p> <p>22 sort of statewide conversation about the Corporation</p> <p>23 Commission races that really wouldn't be possible</p> <p>24 without -- without the Corporation's help -- excuse</p> <p>25 me -- the Commission's help.</p>

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<p>1 So the second point is that we have some 2 legal arguments that we'll develop with Staff about how 3 the regulation should interface with the statutes. So, 4 for example, the -- the new campaign can't make 5 contributions to the old campaign. If you're to buy 6 merchandise from a campaign, that should be treated -- 7 the gross cost, not the net profit -- the gross cost 8 should be treated as a contribution. You're not 9 allowed to make contributions. You've got to -- you 10 know, that's a legal issue we need to think through. 11 But I don't need to take your time with that 12 because my third point, and maybe the most important 13 thing is, we want to conciliate. Like it's not a big 14 issue. The cost for us to litigate this or, you know, 15 just spend time in meetings and briefings and so on and 16 your cost dealing with it is -- is probably greater 17 than the size of the problem. 18 So we understand you will probably follow the 19 recommendation of the Executive Director and find 20 reason to believe. We'd like to have a conversation 21 with Staff afterwards about how to sort of put this 22 behind us efficiently for a price that's fair to 23 everyone and kind of reflects the gravity of what's -- 24 what's happened here. 25 With that, again, thank you for your time.</p>	<p>1 know, I've been doing this for a while myself, and I 2 didn't know about the regulation. I didn't advise on 3 this whole situation before the complaints came in, but 4 when -- when they came in I was surprised to read the 5 regulation myself. 6 I think it's kind of esoteric, the 7 regulation. I don't mean that as a criticism at all. 8 It's just, you know, there are more famous and less 9 famous regulations, and this is one of the less famous 10 ones. 11 And my own impression, just from practicing 12 in the area, is this happens quite a bit. I always 13 take note when I pass signs and it says, elect 14 so-and-so versus reelect, or reelect Senator X. You 15 know, you know that -- I always take note of it because 16 I know that the candidates like to reuse these signs. 17 I know it -- 18 COMMISSIONER PATON: Sure. 19 MR. LANGHOFER: -- happens quite a bit. And 20 my impression is that it's usually just not documented. 21 It just kind of happens in a breach without no -- we're 22 kind of in a more contentious point in American 23 politics generally, I think, and so complaints are more 24 likely. 25 I think now that this has come to the</p>
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<p>1 I'm happy to answer any questions that you'd have. 2 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you. Do we have any 3 questions for Mr. Langhofer from Members of the 4 Commission? 5 COMMISSIONER PATON: I have a question or -- 6 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton. 7 COMMISSIONER PATON: -- comment. 8 This -- so these are stored in like 9 volunteers' garages. And I'm assuming you have quite a 10 few volunteers. And was -- I guess as far as like 11 our -- our training and everything, do they not -- do 12 they go over that about the previous signs and all that 13 kind of stuff? I mean, were your clients aware of that 14 or maybe they just didn't let the volunteers know or -- 15 I'm just curious about that to see if maybe 16 we need to train better, since we're getting a lot of 17 issues before us that we haven't gotten before. I 18 mean, I've been doing this for like seven years, and 19 we're having a lot of stuff crop up. So I just want to 20 know, is there something that -- that we can approach 21 maybe in our training so that we can slow the tide of 22 all of this down? 23 MR. LANGHOFER: I don't know whether it's in 24 the training materials, but I -- I'm confident that my 25 clients didn't know about the regulation. In fact, you</p>	<p>1 attention of the Commission and myself and my clients, 2 it will probably kind of be better known going forward, 3 even without any change in the training materials, but 4 I can't tell you it wasn't in the materials they were 5 provided otherwise. 6 COMMISSIONER PATON: And Tom, can you address 7 my question? 8 MR. COLLINS: Yeah. Training covers what to 9 do with prior campaign assets. And, I mean, none of us 10 in the room wrote this rule, so I -- but -- but the -- 11 and so I think that the -- and like I said, what the 12 rule is trying to get at is -- 13 You know, we have a rule under -- we have a 14 rule that talks about, okay, I have a prior campaign, 15 right. It's got -- let's say I got a campaign 16 committee with \$30,000 that I raised in the past, 17 right, for my run for legislature. And then I'm going 18 to run for Treasurer and I want to run clean for 19 Treasurer, which you should, people. You should. 20 And then -- and so I can look at that set of 21 dollars, and some of that money can come over, provided 22 that money fits within the buckets that would be 23 available to you as a clean candidate. In other words, 24 if you have -- if you -- to have enough cash on hand in 25 that account to be able to account for the PAC</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 18</p> <p>1 donations that you might have gotten, right, and have 2 individual donations, and you can only take as much 3 money out of that account into Clean Elections as you 4 would be able to. So, for example, if in your 5 legislative campaign you raised almost all your money 6 from PACs, you might not be able to make that transfer. 7 So why does the Commission do that? It does 8 that because the -- the system, 16-947, says, you know, 9 you're going to have abided by these limits so far and 10 then you're going to have to abide by them going 11 forward, so that -- so on the money stuff, that's sort 12 of intuitive, right. I mean, you know -- so it doesn't 13 cut you off from every dollar that you might have had 14 access to, but it does limit, you know, you to money 15 you could have gotten legally under the Clean Elections 16 Act. 17 So -- so this rule comes in to say, okay, 18 you've got some assets that are from a prior campaign, 19 it calls out signs in it, you know, and -- and how 20 would we account for that. And my suspicion is that -- 21 and when they -- when they drafted this rule it 22 certainly is -- I think when Mike and I have talked 23 about it and thought about it, the idea here is -- 24 certainly I think there was a concern, at the time this 25 was drafted, along the lines of that -- what do you do</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 20</p> <p>1 about what they're doing. 2 And so if something got missed, it got 3 missed. I think that's -- I think that's -- I think 4 that's something that, you know, we can always sort of 5 -- I think the way that Mike -- and I'm going to speak 6 for Mike, unless you want to -- but the way we do this, 7 after we have -- every year we come into the next 8 training and we try to, you know, point out -- make 9 points of emphasis that this happened last year, so be 10 aware that this could be an issue. And that's 11 typically how we've addressed that. 12 So I think in this particular case, you know, 13 like I say, based on the response and based on -- 14 frankly, on the complaint itself, you know, I think 15 there is a -- I can see the disconnect there. And I 16 certainly, as I wrote in the footnote there, I don't 17 see any purposeful or knowing decision to say, hey, oh, 18 we should go and do it this way because -- and part of 19 the reason that's so is because that's what -- because 20 the complaint doesn't allege anything else and the 21 response makes clear that that's not the case in any 22 event. And then third, you know, the value here, you 23 know, is -- is low enough that you might -- you know, 24 you're not dealing with -- there's just not a -- 25 there's not the same incentive.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 19</p> <p>1 with a situation that Mr. Langhofer identified for 2 ordinary -- for ordinary campaigns. Somebody has their 3 signs running -- from their prior campaign. Let's say 4 it was for the same seat, right, legislative seat. 5 Let's say they ran clean both times. Like how do you 6 account for that. 7 And so you're trying to account for the 8 in-kind half of the donation, right. In other words, 9 those signs have value. You know, we'll have a 10 discussion about what -- how you ought to assign that 11 value. The rule says, well, you have to have the 12 value -- we'll set the value based on, you know, 13 whatever it was or, at a minimum, we'll set -- set a 14 floor -- a floor for that. And that's how it addresses 15 it. You know, whether or not that's perfect, I don't 16 know. My view is it's valid, right, but -- 17 Anyways, so -- so it's covered there, but, 18 you know, I think that it's -- you know, I don't 19 think -- and we all -- I don't think we necessarily 20 anticipate -- I mean, we can't -- you know, I mean, 21 things come up, people are working on stuff, people are 22 reacting during campaigns. I mean, you know, we -- we 23 encourage folks to try to check in with us when they 24 can. A lot of people do. In fact, I know that, you 25 know, candidates do regularly especially talk to Mike</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 21</p> <p>1 So that's my -- that's probably a long way of 2 answering your question. The short answer is that we 3 will account for -- we account for everything that 4 happened in the prior cycle in the training to try to 5 emphasize, you know, hey, this came up. And the second 6 thing is, I do think -- I mean, if people think that 7 this rule is unwieldily or potentially in and of itself 8 could be clearer or made more effective within the 9 framework of the Act, we're happy to look at that. 10 COMMISSIONER PATON: Well, my concern is, he 11 said he's been doing this for a while and he wasn't 12 really aware of it. 13 MR. COLLINS: Sure. 14 COMMISSIONER PATON: He said his clients 15 weren't aware of it. So to me, he's a -- he's a lawyer 16 that's -- 17 MR. COLLINS: Right. 18 COMMISSIONER PATON: -- in election law. 19 MR. COLLINS: Sure. 20 COMMISSIONER PATON: And, I don't know, maybe 21 our rules are so, you know, vast that things are 22 getting lost or -- or -- here we are, you know, doing 23 all these official stuff and -- and people are not that 24 aware of it. And so it concerns me that maybe -- I 25 don't know if we can walk through every rule or</p>

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<p>1 whatever, but to make sure that we stem the tide of 2 these issues that we have coming up. I know it's like 3 a litigious society or whatever, but they don't want to 4 be standing up here doing this and we would rather not 5 have this kind of stuff going on, so I just -- if we 6 could feature things in our training so we don't have 7 to worry about this, you know, that's -- 8 MR. COLLINS: Sure. No disagreement from me, 9 Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Paton. 10 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you. 11 Any other comments, questions from Members of 12 the Commission? 13 (No response.) 14 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you. 15 MR. LANGHOFER: Thank you. 16 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, Mr. Langhofer. 17 Is there any member of the public who wishes 18 to comment on this matter? 19 Yes. I can't read the name, but I see 20 someone has -- 21 MS. HERRING: Merissa Caldwell. 22 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Martha Caldwell. 23 MS. HERRING: Merissa. 24 MS. CALDWELL: Merissa. 25 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Merissa Caldwell. Okay.</p>	<p>1 all the laws, and there's thousands and thousands and 2 thousands of pages of laws, and it's nearly impossible 3 for us to learn all of them. But if we don't know 4 them, we still get held accountable. There's no excuse 5 to that. 6 And in the previous comments that have been 7 made in the -- in the hearings against Dr. Ralph Heap, 8 I believe Nick himself even said that it's unacceptable 9 for someone that wants to be on the Commission to not 10 know all the rules and that that's not an acceptable 11 reason to violate them. 12 In this case I think that this rule is very 13 important because to -- my reading of it is that this 14 rule is to make sure that incumbents don't have an 15 advantage. And when you're using money that came from 16 the citizens, mostly from fines and fees, then -- and 17 you're not using your own money, you're not using the 18 money that you raised yourself, then it's even more 19 important that we have fairness. 20 And that's the whole point of the Clean 21 Election Commission, that's the spirit of all that you 22 do is to make sure that we have fairness in the 23 elections. And so I urge you that you show the public 24 that you are not biased, that you give fair treatment, 25 that you give equal treatment, and that you hold</p>
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<p>1 I'm sorry. 2 Ms. Caldwell, do you wish to make some 3 comments? 4 MS. CALDWELL: Yes. Thank you very much. I 5 submitted one of the complaints that was referenced for 6 this issue, and I -- I did so in part because I wanted 7 to see that there was equal justice under the law and 8 under this Commission for all candidates. 9 I have been following the treatment of 10 Dr. Ralph Heap and the complaints -- the complaint that 11 was made against him and have been on those hearings, 12 and now this is -- I'm thankful to the Commission for 13 hearing this for the first time, but I'm finding that 14 the tone and the treatment is quite -- that there's a 15 large disparity between the two cases, and I'm 16 concerned as to why that is and wondering why that is. 17 I also find it interesting that I myself, as 18 a private citizen, was able to know that this rule 19 existed. And I've been a candidate before, but not a 20 clean candidate. And so if I was able to know this 21 rule existed, I don't think that lawyers or other 22 candidates, especially ones that serve in office, 23 should be given a pass that it's okay for them to not 24 know the rules. 25 We, as citizens, have to be -- have to know</p>	<p>1 everyone to the same account that -- under these rules 2 that you have created. 3 And whether you personally created them or 4 not or they were made by previous people that served in 5 your role, it -- that's not an excuse. You still 6 have -- you have sat there and allowed the rule to 7 persist, and so -- so now you need to enforce it. And 8 I do think that there is an opportunity for clarity in 9 the rule, but that doesn't mean that the rule should be 10 excused. 11 I also have concerns with some of the 12 statements that were made by -- in the joint statement 13 by Nick and Kevin, and that has to do with the fact 14 that they're belittling the comments that they've made 15 on social media and say that the public shouldn't rely 16 on anything that they say on social media, that that's 17 all marketing. Well, then why should anyone rely on 18 what they're going to do once elected? That's very 19 concerning. I have concerns about how they've 20 belittled the rule in general and how they've -- and 21 the disparity in treatment that we've seen between -- 22 between these hearings. And so for that reason, I ask 23 you to strongly consider this. 24 And also, Nick and Kevin themselves posted 25 that they were going to be collecting these signs and</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 26</p> <p>1 holding these signs. They did not say volunteers would 2 be holding it. They then said that they were the ones 3 that were going to be distributing it on social media. 4 They think you should ignore all of that, and I think 5 that's unreasonable and I think that's mocking the 6 entire Clean Election process and it's part of what's 7 showing a disparity in the treatment of these cases. 8 So thank you for your time and consideration. 9 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, Ms. Caldwell. 10 Any other members of the public wish to make 11 any comments? 12 (No response.) 13 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Do we have a motion on 14 this? 15 MR. COLLINS: Well, I -- yeah. I just wanted 16 to make clear and recap, if I could. 17 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Sure. 18 MR. COLLINS: The Executive Director's 19 recommendation is that the Commission find reason to 20 believe that R2-20-702.01, you know, was violated. 21 The -- I'm not as clear that the Commission 22 necessarily needs to vote no reason to believe on the 23 remaining parts of 26-07. I think you have some -- 24 personally. And it's not -- I'm not the last word on 25 this, obviously. I'm just a -- just another advocate</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 28</p> <p>1 those and then I can make a separate motion for the 2 other? 3 MR. COLLINS: Well, I mean, if I was -- so, I 4 guess, just to, you know -- my thought is -- and 5 obviously I'm not your adviser on this. And if -- and 6 if respondents' counsel has any other thoughts, they're 7 obviously invited to share them, I want to make clear. 8 But my thought would be, the most succinct 9 way to do this would be to -- is -- would be to approve 10 the statement of reasons in MUR 26-10 and approve the 11 statement of reasons in MUR 26-07 as presented, and I 12 think that that will be a clear -- personally I think 13 that would be a clear record that the reports were 14 adopted as the reason to believe determination. That 15 would include both those parts that are not -- there's 16 not reason to believe and those portions where -- where 17 there is. But, you know... 18 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. Commissioner 19 Werther, do you wish to make a motion? 20 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Yes. So, 21 Mr. Chairman, I would move to approve the statement of 22 reasons for 26-07 and 26-10 as presented. 23 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Is there a second? 24 COMMISSIONER PATON: I'll second. 25 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Moved by</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 27</p> <p>1 in this context. 2 But, you know, how you want to resolve those, 3 I think -- you know, I think that it would be helpful, 4 for the record, to in some manner dismiss those aspects 5 of 26-07 so we're clear that we're moving forward on -- 6 on the reason to believe there was a violation of 7 R2-20-702.01. 8 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. Thank you. 9 Does any Member of the Commission wish to 10 make a motion? 11 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Mr. Chairman, I guess 12 kind of a comment and a motion, because I -- I -- 13 first, I do agree with the Executive Director's 14 recommendations. So, you know, for me, reviewing all 15 this material and the recommendation, I don't believe 16 there's any reason to believe for the joint 17 expenditures or unreported unreimbursed campaign 18 services allegations. 19 I do agree that it looks like there was a 20 violation of the excess early contributions, but 21 because it's a de minimis amount and we have discretion 22 under the statute to dismiss that, I would agree with 23 that as well. 24 So I think for that it's more of a question, 25 I guess, in one motion can we just not proceed with</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 29</p> <p>1 Commissioner Werther, seconded by Commissioner Paton. 2 I will call the roll. 3 Commissioner Werther. 4 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Aye. 5 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton. 6 COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye. 7 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Crump. 8 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Aye. 9 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Titla. 10 Commissioner Titla, could you repeat what you 11 said, please. 12 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Aye. Aye. 13 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 14 Commissioner Titla. 15 Chair votes aye. The motion is approved 16 5-to-nothing. Thank you. 17 Item V, discussion and possible action on 18 Dr. Ralph Heap's September 23rd, 2026 letter regarding 19 MUR 26-06. 20 The letter addresses Dr. Heap's stated intent 21 to use general fund clean funding or personal funds to 22 pay Mesa Sign Shop for signs obtained during the 23 primary election and request dismissal of the 24 investigation or reconsideration of settlement 25 concerning those signs. Commissioners, you have the</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 30</p> <p>1 letter and relevant materials.</p> <p>2 We will hear from Mr. La Sota or Dr. Heap if</p> <p>3 either is available, and I don't believe either of them</p> <p>4 are.</p> <p>5 (No response.)</p> <p>6 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: So does any member of the</p> <p>7 public wish to make a comment on this matter?</p> <p>8 (No response.)</p> <p>9 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Seeing none.</p> <p>10 Tom, do you wish to say anything?</p> <p>11 MR. COLLINS: Yeah. I just want to make a</p> <p>12 quick record. So as you -- as Commissioners know and</p> <p>13 as Mr. La Sota knows and as Ms. Wilson knows, the</p> <p>14 Commission received a letter through me yesterday --</p> <p>15 or, yeah, yesterday at about 7:00 a.m. or 8:00 a.m.</p> <p>16 With -- with that letter, you know, albeit addressed to</p> <p>17 me, but seemingly directed at the Commission and</p> <p>18 seeking to impose some kind of deadline -- again, this</p> <p>19 is my view -- on the Commission, I forwarded that</p> <p>20 letter to the Commission, and obviously copying</p> <p>21 Mr. La Sota and Ms. Wilson.</p> <p>22 And so it was -- the Chair determined to put</p> <p>23 it on the Agenda, so -- and Ms. Thomas provided notice</p> <p>24 to Mr. La Sota, as she does with every matter that</p> <p>25 involves Mr. La Sota's clients that comes before the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 32</p> <p>1 and services directed to the primary election.</p> <p>2 So -- so that money was available. The</p> <p>3 Commission voted to make it available. The</p> <p>4 Commission -- Commission Staff made that money</p> <p>5 available. That money was returned by cashier's check.</p> <p>6 That money is not available. 16-953(A) does not allow</p> <p>7 the usage of other monies other than the primary money</p> <p>8 to pay for that expense.</p> <p>9 And then obviously -- or, it seems obvious to</p> <p>10 me that Dr. Heap can't use personal funds to pay for it</p> <p>11 because he has agreed not to use such funds under</p> <p>12 16-947(B)(3) and the attendant limits that he agreed</p> <p>13 to.</p> <p>14 With respect to his request to revisit, I</p> <p>15 guess, vacating wherever we are, the investigation is</p> <p>16 proceeding. The Staff sees no basis to terminate -- to</p> <p>17 terminate it at this time.</p> <p>18 To make one note about a line -- one part of</p> <p>19 the letter, the Staff does not agree that Mr. La Sota's</p> <p>20 client has met his disclosure obligations under the Act</p> <p>21 and rules in terms of his response to our request.</p> <p>22 And I'd reiterate that Mr. La Sota's offer of</p> <p>23 compromise and Ms. Wilson's offer of compromise is not</p> <p>24 an offer of compromise, but that, based on where the</p> <p>25 Staff investigation is, as we told the Commission and</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 31</p> <p>1 Commission. The -- so that's -- that's that record.</p> <p>2 The -- addressing the substance of the</p> <p>3 letter, which I think -- given that Mr. La Sota was</p> <p>4 noticed and is not going to be here, I think I'm -- I</p> <p>5 feel like I need to proceed with doing. On the issue</p> <p>6 of the dollars that he states that he would either</p> <p>7 spend out of the general fund allotment to pay Mesa</p> <p>8 Sign Company or from his personal funds, neither of</p> <p>9 those is an appropriate action under the Clean</p> <p>10 Elections Act.</p> <p>11 As the Commission may recall, the Commission</p> <p>12 voted to issue him both his primary and general</p> <p>13 allotment. He had his primary allotment. He chose not</p> <p>14 to use it to pay Mesa Sign, and, in fact, he returned</p> <p>15 the entirety of his primary allotment. Because the</p> <p>16 obligation, however characterized, that the campaign</p> <p>17 had arose during the primary, Dr. Heap had to use</p> <p>18 primary dollars to pay for it and chose not to do it.</p> <p>19 And this is not some esoteric rule. This is</p> <p>20 A.R.S 16-953(A), which states, at the end of the</p> <p>21 primary election period a participating candidate who</p> <p>22 has received monies shall return to the fund all monies</p> <p>23 in the candidate's campaign account above an amount</p> <p>24 sufficient to pay any unpaid bills for expenditures</p> <p>25 made during the primary election period and for goods</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 33</p> <p>1 Mr. La Sota at our last meeting, Staff will address a</p> <p>2 conciliation at an appropriate time as contemplated by</p> <p>3 the Commission's -- Commission's rules.</p> <p>4 So that -- those are the -- I just wanted to</p> <p>5 make that record about this. And that really concludes</p> <p>6 my comments, unless you -- you have questions.</p> <p>7 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Any Member of the</p> <p>8 Commission have any questions of Tom?</p> <p>9 COMMISSIONER PATON: I have a question.</p> <p>10 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton.</p> <p>11 COMMISSIONER PATON: How much longer do we</p> <p>12 have on the investigation, do you think?</p> <p>13 MR. COLLINS: You know, our goal is --</p> <p>14 actually is to move expeditiously. We can only move as</p> <p>15 expeditiously as a respondent and/or the other folks</p> <p>16 who are part of that investigation in some cases will</p> <p>17 let us, right. I mean, this is not a -- this is a --</p> <p>18 the investigation process is adversarial, and so I</p> <p>19 don't want to get into the merits, but we are working</p> <p>20 with some alacrity and, you know, in an ideal world</p> <p>21 we -- we would have this resolved, you know, within --</p> <p>22 I mean, within -- certainly within, I'm hoping -- well,</p> <p>23 put it this way. My current worst-case would be within</p> <p>24 -- would be to say within the calendar year, which is</p> <p>25 only -- that's only a couple more months,</p>

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<p>1 Commissioner Paton. 2 COMMISSIONER PATON: So you're still waiting 3 on documents and -- 4 MR. COLLINS: We are work -- you know, we are 5 working -- 6 COMMISSIONER PATON: -- you've asked for 7 stuff and you haven't received all of it -- 8 MR. COLLINS: We are in progress -- 9 COMMISSIONER PATON: -- to put that in lawyer 10 English? 11 MR. COLLINS: Right. I'm going to -- I'm 12 going to -- I'm going to try to dodge that. I guess 13 I'll just let your question stand. 14 COMMISSIONER PATON: Okay. 15 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Any other comments or 16 questions from the Commission? 17 (No response.) 18 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: So Mr. La Sota is not here. 19 I've read his letter; I'm not exactly sure what he's 20 asking. Does any Member of the Commission feel the 21 need to go into executive session to hear from our 22 lawyers on this? 23 COMMISSIONER PATON: I would ask that we go 24 into executive session so we can have our lawyers 25 explain stuff to us.</p>	<p>1 executive session. 2 Is there any member of the public who wishes 3 to make a comment on Dr. Heap's September 23rd letter? 4 (No response.) 5 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Seeing none. 6 Is there any Member of the Commission who 7 wishes to make a comment, motion, anything on this 8 matter? 9 (No response.) 10 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Hearing nothing, we will 11 move on. 12 Item VI, review, consideration, discussion, 13 analysis, and possible action on Lombardo, et al., 14 versus Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission, 15 et al. 16 As indicated in the Agenda, the Commission 17 may vote to go into executive session for legal advice 18 or to discuss or consult with its attorneys regarding 19 its position in pending litigation. 20 Is there any discussion before we consider 21 executive session? 22 (No response.) 23 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Hearing none. 24 Is there a motion to go into executive 25 session?</p>
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<p>1 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. Commissioner Paton. 2 Is there a second to Commissioner Paton's 3 motion to go into executive session? 4 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Mr. Chair, I'll 5 second. 6 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 7 Commissioner Werther. 8 It's been moved and seconded we go into 9 executive session. I will call the roll. 10 Commissioner Werther. 11 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Aye. 12 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton. 13 COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye. 14 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Crump. 15 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Aye. 16 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Titla. 17 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Aye. 18 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Chair reluctantly votes 19 aye. We will go into executive session. 20 * * * * * 21 (End of executive session. Public meeting 22 resumes at 10:57 a.m.) 23 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: We are back in regular 24 session. Just for the record, I want to make it clear 25 that Executive Director Collins was not part of that</p>	<p>1 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Mr. Chairman, I move 2 to go into executive session for this item. 3 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Is there a second? 4 COMMISSIONER PATON: I'll second. 5 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: It's been moved and 6 seconded that we go into executive session. I will 7 call the roll. 8 Commissioner Werther. 9 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Aye. 10 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton. 11 COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye. 12 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Crump. 13 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Aye. 14 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Titla. 15 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Aye. 16 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Chair votes aye. We will 17 go back into executive session. 18 * * * * * 19 (End of executive session. Public meeting 20 resumes at 11:06 a.m.) 21 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: We're back in regular 22 session. Is there any further discussion or action on 23 this matter, Item VI on the Agenda? 24 (No response.) 25 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you.</p>

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<p>1 Item VII, public comment. This is the time 2 for consideration of comments and suggestions from the 3 public. Action taken as a result of public comment 4 will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, 5 rescheduling it for further consideration, or 6 responding to criticism. Please limit your comments to 7 no more than two minutes. 8 Does anyone on Zoom wish to make a comment? 9 Use the raise hand feature, wave your arms, any way you 10 want to get my attention. 11 (No response.) 12 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Not seeing anyone. 13 The public may also submit comments by e-mail 14 at ccec@azccleanelections.gov. 15 Item VIII, adjournment. At this time I would 16 entertain a motion to adjourn. 17 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Mr. Chairman, I move 18 to adjourn. 19 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 20 Commissioner Werther. 21 Is there a second? 22 COMMISSIONER PATON: I'll second. 23 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 24 Commissioner Paton. 25 It's been moved and seconded that we adjourn.</p>	<p>1 STATE OF ARIZONA)) ss. 2 COUNTY OF MARICOPA) 3 4 BE IT KNOWN that the foregoing proceedings 5 were taken by me; that I was then and there a Certified 6 Reporter of the State of Arizona; that the proceedings 7 were taken down by me in shorthand and thereafter 8 transcribed into typewriting under my direction; that 9 the foregoing pages are a full, true, and accurate 10 transcript of all proceedings had and adduced upon the 11 taking of said proceedings, all to the best of my skill 12 and ability. 13 14 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am in no way related 15 to nor employed by any of the parties hereto nor am I 16 in any way interested in the outcome hereof. 17 18 DATED at Tempe, Arizona, this 26th day of 19 September, 2026. 20 21  22 Kathryn A. Blackwelder, RPR 23 Certified Reporter #50666 24 25</p>
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<p>1 I will call the roll. 2 Commissioner Werther. 3 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Aye. 4 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton. 5 COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye. 6 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Crump. 7 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Aye. 8 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Titla. 9 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Aye. 10 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Chair votes aye. We are 11 adjourned. Thank you. 12 (The meeting concluded at 11:08 a.m.) 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p>	

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**CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
October 29, 2026**

Announcements:

The General Election is November 3, 2026. Voters can find their voting location at azcleaselections.gov/voter-dashboard.

Key dates

- Polls are open from 6am-7pm on November 3. Ballots must be returned by 7 p.m. to be counted.
- Unofficial results will be released and ongoing beginning at 8pm on election night.
- ID is required to vote in person on Election Day.
- A list of acceptable ID is on the website or voters can use our ID at the Polls tool to ensure they are prepared. <https://www.azcleaselections.gov/how-to-vote/what-id-do-i-need-at-the-polls>
- The signature curing deadline is November 8. Counties will make efforts to contact voters whose signature requires curing. Signature curing is when there is an issue matching the signature on an mail ballot affidavit envelope with a voter's record.
- The deadline for providing ID for conditional provisional ballots is November 8.
- The statewide canvass is November 23.

Voter Education and Outreach:

Clean Elections staff continued voter education efforts through community events, media appearances, and partnerships ahead of the General Election.

- **Community Outreach**
 - Avery, Gina, and Tom hosted Coffee Talks with Clean Elections at Showtime Cafe in Phoenix. Attendees worked through sample ballots and voter research exercises and discussed their priorities and engagement with local government.
 - Staff also provided election information and voter education resources at the Tempe Public Library Volunteer Fair and the City of Phoenix Future Leaders Town Hall.
 - Captain Activate! appeared at the Tempe City Departments Family Day event.

- **Public Engagement**

- Gina discussed the Commission's General Election voter survey on KJZZ's The Show and KYMA TV11. Tom also participated in media interviews addressing election issues, ballot measures, and voter education.
- Gina participated in a panel hosted by ASU's Center for Latina/os and American Politics Research, presented to Soroptimist International of Phoenix, and spoke at the Arizona Republic's Community Advisory Board meeting. Tom participated in a ballot-measure discussion at Pima Community College with Chicanos Por La Causa and the League of Women Voters of Southern Arizona.
- Clean Elections also partnered with Telemundo to produce a Spanish-language voter education program, ¿Por qué todo cuesta más en Arizona?, examining the rising cost of living. Panelists represented ASU's Seidman Research Institute, Rounds Consulting Group, OneAZ Credit Union, and Chicanos Por La Causa.

- **Civic Education and Youth Engagement**

- Avery facilitated two workshops at the Secretary of State's Youth Leadership and Civic Engagement Summit and participated in an NAU panel on recruiting the next generation of election administrators.
- Avery also presented What's on Your Ballot? to Read Better Be Better faculty and provided media literacy and election training to its Youth Leadership Council. A workshop on constructive dialogue is planned at Scottsdale Community College. Gina participated in a panel discussion with ASU's Center for Latina/os and American Politics Research (CLAPR).

Participating candidates:

Final Number of Participating Candidates: 47

All Primary audits have been completed

Legal:

- Lombardo et al. v. Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission et al., No. CV2026-037740 Arizona Superior Court, Maricopa.
 - Plaintiffs motion for reconsideration is pending in Superior Court and Plaintiffs are attempting to amend their Complaint.
- Lombardo et al. v. Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission et al, CV-26-0346-PR (Ariz.).
 - In a decision order, the Arizona Supreme Court concluded that Clean Elections Commission lacks authority to determine that the Secretary of State incorrectly certified a candidate's qualifying contributions. However, the Court expressly declined to decide whether the Commission may investigate misconduct in obtaining qualifying contributions or impose remedies for that misconduct.

- Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission v. Fontes, Arizona Court of Appeals, 2 CA-CV 2026-0185
 - The Court of Appeals now has jurisdiction over the party's appeal.
- Center for Arizona Policy v. Arizona Secretary of State, Maricopa Superior Court, CV2022-016564
 - This is the matter on remand after the Arizona Supreme Court upheld the Voters' Right to Know Act against a facial challenge under the Arizona Constitution. The Court remanded to allow consideration of Plaintiffs' as applied challenge.
- Americans for Prosperity v. Meyer, No. 24-2933 (9th Cir.).
 - The Court upheld VRKA on a 2-1 vote. Plaintiff declined to seek en banc review from the full Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, there is still time for Plaintiff to file a petition for certiorari with the U.S. Supreme Court.
 - The podcast Advisory Opinions recently discussed the Ninth Circuit decision
- Montenegro v. Fontes, Arizona Court of Appeals, No. 1 CA-CV 26-0154.
 - Briefing is underway on this appeal regarding appeal from Superior Court.
- The Power of Fives, LLC v. Clean Elections, CV2021-015826, Superior Court for Maricopa County & Clean Elections v. The Power of Fives, LLC et al. CV2022-053917, Superior Court for Arizona. Plaintiff filed a form of judgment and application for attorneys' fees. Defense filed an objection to the form and a response to attorneys' fees application.
- Branch et al. v. Collins, et al., CV2024-004136, Superior Court for Maricopa County. Ongoing.

Appointments:

- Staff continues to monitor appointments, and direct interested applicants to the appropriate officials.

Complaints:

- MUR 25-04, Turning Point (Prop. 211).
- MUR 25-05, Turning Point (Prop. 211).
- MUR 26-03, Turning Point (Prop. 211).
- MUR 26-04, Fortify AZ (Prop. 211), please see dismissal report under AAC R2-20-811(F), Exhibit 1 to this report. The Commission may set this matter for review at a later meeting if chooses.
- MUR 26-05, Arizona Values Fund (Clean Elections Act Trigger Report), please see dismissal letter pursuant to AAC R2-20-206, Exhibit 2 to this report. The Commission may set this matter for review at a later meeting if chooses.
- MUR 26-06 Ralph Heap (participating candidate).

- MUR 26-07 Kevin Thompson & Nick Myers (participating candidates), this agenda.
- MUR 26-09 Ralph Heap Heap (participating candidate).
- MUR 26-10 Kevin Thompson & Nick Myers (participating candidates), this agenda.

2026-2027 Regulatory Agenda:

The Commission may conduct a rulemaking even if the rulemaking is not included here.

Commission staff will begin working on how it might address the Arizona Supreme Court's decision in *Ctr. for Ariz. Pol'y, Inc. v. Ariz. Sec'y of State*. No. CV-24-0295-PR, slip op. (Ariz. June 29, 2026). In that case, the Court indicated that the Voters' Right to Know Act "The Act . . . cannot be properly interpreted as compelling disclosure of donors who were never given the opportunity to opt out of having their donations used for campaign media. *Id.* at ¶ 82. The Court explained that A.R.S. § 16-972 "does not expressly specify who must provide upstream donors notice of the opt-out opportunity or require a covered person to investigate whether an immediate donor's contribution includes original monies from upstream donors." *Id.* It stated that a Commission rule or as applied challenges could clarify the responsibilities associated with notice. *Id.*

The following information is provided under A.R.S. § 41-1021.02:

- Notices of Docket Opening:
 - 32 A.A.R. 694 (candidate statement pamphlet), https://apps.azsos.gov/public_services/register/2026/12/contents.pdf.
 - 32 A.A.R. 266 (use of funds), apps.azsos.gov/public_services/register/2026/4/contents.pdf.
 - 31 A.A.R. 2255 (revision and addition of funding rules), https://apps.azsos.gov/public_services/register/2025/27/contents.pdf.
- Notices of Proposed Rulemaking:
 - 32 A.A.R. 669 (candidate statement pamphlet) https://apps.azsos.gov/public_services/register/2026/12/contents.pdf
 - 32 A.A.R. 245 (use of funds), apps.azsos.gov/public_services/register/2026/4/contents.pdf.
 - 31 A.A.R. 2141 (revision and addition of funding rules), https://apps.azsos.gov/public_services/register/2025/27/contents.pdf.
- Supplemental Notices 31 A.A.R.3917 (setting our next meeting to consider rules related to campaign finance report and monitoring of clean candidate funds). https://apps.azsos.gov/public_services/register/2025/40/contents.pdf.
- Federal funds for proposed rulemaking: **None**
- Review of existing rules: **Five Year Report Approved 9/2/2025**
- Notice of Final Rulemaking: Notice of final rulemaking for
 - 32 A.A.R. 807 (revision and addition of funding rules), apps.azsos.gov/public_services/register/2026/14/contents.pdf
 - 32 A.A.R. 1440 (use of funds), https://apps.azsos.gov/public_services/register/2026/26/contents.pdf.

- 32 A.A.R. ____ (candidate statement pamphlet), pending.
- Rulemakings terminated: **None.**
- Privatization option or nontraditional regulatory approach considered: **None Applicable.**

SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

RISA LOMBARDO, an individual;	)	Arizona Supreme Court
DUWAYNE COLLIER, an individual,	)	No. CV-26-0346-PR
	)	
Petitioners,	)	Court of Appeals
	)	Division One
v.	)	No. 1 CA-SA 26-0368
	)	
ARIZONA CITIZENS CLEAN ELECTIONS	)	Maricopa County
COMMISSION, a public entity;	)	Superior Court
THOMAS COLLINS, in his official	)	No. CV2026-037740
capacity,	)	
	)	FILED 10/23/2026
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O R D E R

In their petition, Candidates Lombardo and Collier requested attorneys' fees under to A.R.S. § 12-348(A)(4) and (7). The Court has separately issued its decision order. Upon consideration of the Court, en banc,

IT IS ORDERED denying the request for attorney fees.

DATED this 23rd day of October, 2026.

_____/s/
ANN A. SCOTT TIMMER
Chief Justice

TO:
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O R D E R

On October 15, 2026, the Court granted review of Lombardo and Colliers' ("Candidates") Petition for Special Action, treated as a Petition for Review, and directed the parties to submit simultaneous briefing limited to the following questions:

1. Does the Citizens Clean Elections Commission possess legal authority to determine that the Secretary of State's certification of qualifying contributions was incorrect?
2. If yes, does the Commission have the authority to order repayment of funds on that basis?

The Court, en banc, has considered Candidates' Petition and Appendix; the Responses filed by Executive Director Thomas Collins ("Director") and the Arizona Citizens' Clean Elections Commission ("Commission"); the supplemental briefing by Candidates, Director, and Commission; the brief by Amicus Curiae Scott Neely ("Amicus"); and response to Amicus by the Commission.

This dispute arose from separate letters sent by the Director to

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the Candidates on August 25, 2026, outlining alleged violations of the Citizens Clean Elections Act, A.R.S. § 16-940, *et seq.*, and seeking repayment of Clean Elections funds that were distributed to the Candidates. The Director cited § 16-956(A)(7) as his statutory authority.

In his letter to Candidate Lombardo, the Director lists among other concerns, "3. Evidence demonstrates that you should not have been certified for funding." Citing A.R.S. § 16-950(C), which describes the Secretary of State's ministerial role in calculating qualifying contributions for Clean Elections funding, the letter states that "the certification appears to have been in error." The paragraph concludes that "[b]ecause the evidence suggests you did not receive sufficient Qualifying Contributions, I will ask the Commission to consider repayment."¹ This is the only part of the Director's bill of particulars that is before us.

In his supplemental brief, the Director states that "[t]he reference to a possible error by the Secretary concerned only the mathematical calculation underlying Ms. Lombardo's certification," that Candidate Lombardo later successfully refuted that allegation, and that "[t]hat issue is resolved and has nothing to do with the Director's ongoing investigation."

Although that appears to resolve the dispute for now, in

¹ Similarly, the letter separately states the Director anticipates asking the Commission to issue a repayment order "based on the incorrect certification."

responding to the Court's first question ("Does the Citizens Clean Elections Commission possess legal authority to determine that the Secretary of State's certification of qualifying contributions was incorrect?"), both the Director and Commission argue that the Commission does possess such authority.

It does not. A.R.S. §§ 16-950(B) and (C) assign to the Secretary of State and county recorders a discrete role in certifying qualifying contributions. The Commission's rules, Ariz. Admin. Code § R2-20-105, further define those roles. The statute does not confer authority upon the Commission over that process, nor do the rules contemplate it.

In their supplemental brief, the Candidates state that "[a]ny person has the right to file suit if there is something lacking in the performance of [the Secretary of State's] duties, but that never happened here." But we did not grant review of that issue, and the Secretary of State and county recorders are not parties to this action. Thus, whether and how persons can challenge the Secretary's and county recorders' compliance is not before us. Likewise, we do not address the Commission's authority to investigate any malfeasance in obtaining qualified contributions or the remedies that it may impose if malfeasance is found. Those issues are best addressed after the Commission investigates any alleged malfeasance and imposes a remedy if malfeasance is found.

Because the Director has assured us that the Secretary's

certification is no longer part of the investigation, we need not resolve the second question we directed to the parties. All other questions raised in the Petition over which we did not grant review await resolution in proper course.

DATED this 23rd day of October, 2026.

/s/

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10-07-26, Lombardo Petition for Special Action
10-08-26, Order
10-09-26, Collins Expedited Response to Petition
10-09-26, Commission Expedited Response to Petition
10-15-26, Order Granting Petition in Limited Scope
10-16-26, Notice of Appearance of Counsel for State of AZ
10-19-26, Collins Supplemental Brief
10-19-26, Commission Supplemental Brief
10-19-26, Lombardo Supplemental Brief
10-19-26, Lombardo Unopposed Mtn to Dismiss State
10-19-26, Neely Amicus Curiae Brief
10-19-26, Motion of Neely for Leave to File Amicus Curiae Brief
10-20-26, Order Granting Amicus Brief
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(6) Briefs & Orders – Pending Motion for Reconsideration – Superior Court:

09-29-26, Lombardo Motion to Reconsider
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Re: Decision Order in Lombardo v. Clean Elections Commission

Dear Mr. Richards, Ms. Fox, Mr. La Sota, Mr. Langhofer:

I am writing to set forth my reading of the Arizona Supreme Court's recent Decision Order in the *Lombardo et al.* matter. I think that the Order is straightforward and permits the Executive Director's investigation to continue.

Candidates Risa Lombardo and Duwayne Collier sought to convince the Supreme Court of Arizona to set aside my investigation of the manner in which they obtained and used clean elections funds on the basis that pre-funding activities are covered exclusively by the certification process outlined in A.R.S. § 16-950. *See*,

covered exclusively by the certification process outlined in A.R.S. § 16-950. *See, e.g.,* Lombardo Supplemental Brief at 4-5 (detailing A. R.S. § 16-950 and stating “[t]here is no role for the Commission in this process.”).

Effectively, Petitioners claimed that the certification process is the only check on a candidate’s qualifying contributions and demanded that the Court halt the investigation. The Court did not halt the investigation. Instead, it granted review of only two narrow questions: whether the Commission may determine that the Secretary of State’s certification of qualifying contributions was incorrect and, if so, whether it may order repayment on that basis. *Lombardo v. Ariz. Citizens Clean Elections Comm’n*, No. CV-26-0346-PR, at 1 (Ariz. Oct. 23, 2026) (decision order).

The Court answered the first question narrowly, holding that A.R.S. §§ 16-950(B) and (C) assign the certification of qualifying contributions to the Secretary of State and county recorders, and that the Commission lacks authority to determine that the Secretary’s certification was incorrect. *Id.* at 3. That holding concerns only the paragraph of my letter to Ms. Lombardo questioning the mathematical calculation underlying her certification, which the Court recognized was “the only part of the Director’s bill of particulars that is before us.” *Id.* at 2. As I advised the Court, that issue has been resolved and is no longer part of the investigation, and the Court therefore declined to reach the second question regarding repayment. *Id.* at 2-4.

Critically, the Court sharply distinguished the certification from the Executive Director’s investigation: “[W]e do not address the Commission’s authority to investigate any malfeasance in obtaining qualified contributions or the remedies that it may impose if malfeasance is found. Those issues are best addressed after the Commission investigates any alleged malfeasance and imposes a remedy if malfeasance is found.” *Id.* at 3. The Court thus contemplated that the Commission’s investigation would proceed, and it expressly left “[a]ll other questions raised in the Petition” to “await resolution in proper course.” *Id.* at 4.

An honest reading of my August letters to the candidates reveals that the investigation is focused on the evidence indicating suspicious activity in the gathering and submission of \$5 qualifying contributions and related slips under A.R.S. § 16-946 among other issues. In other words, the very possible malfeasance the Court discussed.

The Order neither enjoins nor limits that inquiry. Instead, the Order anticipates that there will be an investigation of alleged malfeasance before any question of remedy is reviewed. Accordingly, I am continuing my investigation.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Collins
Executive Director

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Primary and General Election Candidate Audits

Audit Overview & Purpose

The Citizens Clean Elections Commission conducts primary and general election audits for all candidates participating in the Clean Elections Program. Audits are performed by an independent auditing firm, Fester & Chapman, to ensure public funds are used strictly for campaign purposes and transactions are reported accurately.

- **Timing:** All participating candidates are audited after the primary election. Candidates advancing to the general election are audited a second time following the general election.

The Audit Process

1. **Document Request:** Candidates must provide requested records, including bank statements, invoices, receipts, travel logs, and contracts.
2. **Sampling & Review:** Auditors review campaign finance reports against a random sample of contributions and expenditures. Key compliance checks include verifying joint expenditures, contribution limits, petty cash usage, and outstanding debt.
3. **Draft Report & Candidate Response:** The auditor submits a draft report to the candidate, who has **two weeks** to either accept the report or provide corrective documentation.
4. **Commission Review:** Following the two-week window, the report is submitted to Commission staff and presented at a public meeting for formal acceptance or rejection.

Audit Report

The audit report is broken into sections for each area that is reviewed by the auditor. The first section, Preliminary Procedures, has the auditor reviewing the campaign finance reports to determine if there are any unusual disbursements that would require additional review.

Once the Preliminary Procedures are completed, the auditor begins the Fieldwork portion of the report. The auditor contacts the candidate, explains the process, and requests documentation. The auditor begins reviewing the bank statements and requesting additional supporting documentation for contributions and expenditures. The auditors will also look for in-kind

contributions, joint expenditures, loans, as well as debt and ask for supporting documents for those items as well. After the review, any findings will be reported in the draft audit report.

Audit Findings & Staff Resolution

Most audits yield no exceptions. When issues are identified—such as miscategorized funding, minor entry errors, or unresolved debt—Commission staff works with the candidate to resolve them.

Staff evaluates findings pragmatically. If an error is technical rather than substantive—such as a repaid loan appearing as active debt because it was not properly linked in the reporting system—staff may waive requiring an amended report to avoid unnecessary burden on the candidate.

2026 CEC Primary Candidate Audits (42)

Candidate	Office Sought	Party	Audit Issues
1. Lloyd Johnson	LD 6 - House	GOP	No issues
2. Barby Ingle	LD 7 - House	GOP	No issues
3. Christine Dargon	LD 1 - Senate	Dem	Loan repayment not entered correctly
4. Mary Rose	LD 14 - House	Dem	No issues
5. Lisa Fink	LD 27 - House	GOP	No issues
6. Shawn Wildman	LD 1 - House	GOP	No issues
7. Doug Everett	LD 18 - Senate	GOP	No issues
8. Jackie O'Donnell Anderson	LD 19 - House	Dem	No issues
9. Sandy Zalecki	LD1 - House	Dem	No issues
10. Brian Garcia	LD 8 - House	Dem	No issues
11. Frank Roberts	LD 26 - House	GOP	No issues
12. Helen Hunter	LD 10 - House	Dem	No issues
13. Blair Moses	LD 10 -Senate	Dem	No issues
14. Mae Peshlakai	LD 6 - House	Dem	No issues
15. Les Presmyk **	Mine Inspector	GOP	No issues
16. Jamescita Peshlakai	LD 6 - Senate	Dem	No issues
17. Rick Spargo	LD 3 - House	Dem	No issues
18. Brian Calaway	LD 10 - House	Dem	No issues
19. Barbara Fike	LD 28 - House	Dem	No issues
20. Aiden Swallow	LD 19 - House	Dem	Not all deposits and withdrawals entered correctly. Shows debt.
21. Eric Stafford	LD 29 - Senate	Dem	No issues
22. Christine Scianna	LD 29 - House	Dem	No issues
23. Joshua Ayala	LD 11 - Senate	GOP	No subvendors listed
24. Joseph Dailey	LD 11 - House	GOP	One expenditure did not have supporting documentation
25. Cesar Aleman	LD 11 - House	GOP	Expenditure not entered correctly
26. Julie Gable	LD 3 - House	Dem	No issues
27. Angela Maloney	LD 6 - House	Dem	Expenditure not entered correctly
28. Jonathon Hill **	Corp Comm	Dem	No issues
29. Betsy Munoz	LD 22 - House	Dem	No issues
30. Veronica Bajarano-Malone	LD 22 - House	Dem	No issues
31. David Richardson	LD 12 - House	GOP	No issues
32. Jeff Fortney	LD 3 - Senate	Dem	No issues
33. Timothy Ferrara	LD 2 - Senate	GOP	No issues

2026 CEC Primary Candidate Audits (42)

34. Clara Pratte **	Corp Comm	Dem	No issues
35. Jonathan McKenna	LD 26 - House	GOP	No issues
36. James Bishop	LD 26 - Senate	GOP	No issues
37. Nick Myers **	Corp Comm	GOP	Negative balance from duplicate entry
38. Kevin Thompson **	Corp Comm	GOP	No issues
39. Frank Steele	LD 24 - Senate	GOP	Expenditure not entered correctly
40. Bob Dohse	LD 18 - House	GOP	No issues
41. Tiffany Byrne	LD 25- House	Dem	Loan repayment not entered correctly
42. Laura Huber	LD 25- House	Dem	No issues

**** - Statewide Candidate**