

# MEC News

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James Klahr, Executive Director

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## Commission News

### NEW COMMISSIONER: Wayne Henke

The Missouri Ethics Commission is pleased to announce that Wayne Henke was named as our newest Commissioner. Wayne earned his bachelor's degree from University of Missouri-Columbia, served in the Missouri House from 2003-07, served as the Lincoln County Assessor, and was a member of the Silex R-1 School Board.

Mr. Henke fills the seat vacated by Bill Deeken. Commissioner Henke's four-year term will run through March 15, 2022.

### NEW RULES

Commission Rules [1 CSR 50-5.010](#) and [1 CSR - 50.020](#) go into effect August 8, 2018, the first day of the November 2018 General Election Cycle. These rules relate to registration and reporting requirements for out-of-state committees, including federal political action commit-

tees, with the Missouri Ethics Commission (MEC). The following are some answers to questions we have been receiving about the implementation of the rules.

### Where in the state must the Treasurer reside?

The treasurer may reside anywhere within the State of Missouri

### Why is there an Emergency Rule and an Order of Rulemaking?

The rules in substance are the same. The emergency rule was filed in order to have an earlier effective date of August 8, 2018, the beginning of an election cycle. While the emergency rule has a February expiration date, the rule will remain in effect.

See more frequently asked questions on our [website](#).

### MEC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION

James Klahr is resigning his position effective Thursday, July 5 to assume the position of Deputy Director with the Missouri Veterans Commission.

Upon announcing his departure Director Klahr said, "I appreciate the dedication of the MEC staff to the goals of educating candidates and public officials, making campaign finance reports and lobbyist reports easily accessible to the public and enforcing the ethics laws. It has been my honor to serve as Director for the past 4 ½ years."

The Commission will consider the process for selecting a new Executive Director in the coming weeks.

## Political Subdivisions: Important Dates

### Annual Operating Budget (See below, E-File: AOB)

In order to identify persons required to file a Personal Financial Disclosure (PFD) statement, political subdivisions must confirm to the MEC whether their Annual Operating Budget (AOB) is:

Over \$1 million or \$1 million or under

### E-File: AOB

Starting July 4<sup>th</sup>, through August 6<sup>th</sup>, go to our [website](#) and:

1. Under Login, enter your Subdivision ID, then click Sign In. On the next page enter your password, then click Log-In (use your political subdivision's log-in information)
2. Update subdivision contact information, if necessary.
3. Confirm your AOB (you will receive email confirmation)

### Conflict of Interest Ordinance/Resolution

If you adopt a new ordinance (or re-adopt your current ordinance), the deadline is **Sept 15th**. The ordinance must be adopted (or re-adopted), every two years, at an open meeting. A certified copy must be mailed to MEC within 10 days of the adoption (or re-adoption).

If you do not adopt (or re-adopt) a conflict of interest ordinance or resolution, ALL elected, appointed, and decision making personnel, as well as candidates, are required to file a PFD.

See [§105.485 RSMo](#) for minimum ordinance requirements (see also, [sample ordinance](#)). In addition to the minimum requirements, consider including the following:

- Penalties for late filing, failing to file or follow ordinance, etc.
- Filing requirements for candidates.

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**Our Mission:** The MEC serves the public interest by promoting and maintaining transparency, accountability, and compliance with campaign finance, lobbying, and conflict of interest laws. We educate and assist the citizens of Missouri, public officials, lobbyists, and those participating in public elections by increasing awareness and understanding of the law. We investigate and enforce these laws consistently.

**Paid-for-by Disclaimer Requirements**

Keep in mind, paid-for-by disclaimers must be presented on the face of all printed material (including but not limited to business cards, ads, and signs) in a clear and conspicuous manner.



Review requirements and avoid common mistakes before ordering your printed materials by reviewing, no, make that **carefully reviewing**, our [Paid-for By brochure](#). Did we make that sound important? Good. It could save you time and money.

**Registering or Amending a Committee?**

If so, use the new online [Statement of Committee Organization](#). Remember, the form **must be**:

**Printed, Signed, and Mailed** to the MEC.

Once formed, use the [Candidate/Committee Checklist](#) to keep on track.

**FAQ****Campaign Finance FAQs**

Find answers to the most common questions 24/7.

**Quarterly Report**

We experience increased call volumes as we approach due dates. To avoid the wait start early.

**Independent Expenditures Made to Support or Oppose a Candidate or Ballot Measure by a committee must be reported on the** supplemental form of the same name in the electronic filing system. When a committee makes (incurs) an expenditure for or against a candidate or ballot measure it must report the expenditure and for whom the expenditure was made. Each expenditure is listed in multiple areas of the report. The committee that made the expenditure supporting or opposing a candidate or ballot measure would do the following.

1. Report the expenditure to the vendor as an itemized expenditure (or as Expenditure of \$100 or Less by Category).
2. complete the section Expenditures Made to Support or Oppose a Candidate or Ballot Measure and
3. report as an In-Kind Contributions Made if the receiving committee or candidate gave consent or coordination.

**Important Dates**

DATE	REPORT/EVENT
July 4	<b>Independence Day</b> MEC Office Closed
July 5	<b>30 Day after Report for the June 5th election.</b> \$10/day late fee. Closing Date (date reported through) - June 30 Only required if: spent money (made contributions or expenditures (whether paid or incurred for that election); or, debt is more than \$1,000; and, if required, <u>must be filed before taking office.</u>
July 8	<b>Candidate Committee Organization Deadline for August 7th, 2018 Election</b>
July 16	<b>July Quarterly Report</b> - All committees must file. Closing Date (date reported through) - June 30. <b>\$10/day late fee.</b>
July 30	<b>8 Day Before Report for the August 7th Election</b> Closing Date (date reported through) - July 26 NOTE: Only required if spent money (made contributions or expenditures (whether paid or incurred for that election.)) Candidate Committees: <b>\$100/day late fee</b> , other committees: \$10/day.
Sept. 6	<b>30 Day After Report for the August 7th Election</b> Closing Date (date reported through) - September 1 Only required if: spent money (made contributions or expenditures (whether paid or incurred for that election); or, debt is more than \$1,000; and, if required, <u>must be filed before taking office.</u>

**NOTE:** Candidates cannot take office until all campaign finance disclosure reports have been filed. If unsuccessful, and have more money on hand than debt, terminate the committee. If more debt than money on hand, can convert to Debt Service Committee (may only accept contributions to pay off debt, no other activity).

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