

# MEC News

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## Reminders for Political Subdivisions



### Confirm your Annual Operating Budget

By **July 18, 2022**, subdivisions must confirm to the MEC whether their annual operating budget (AOB) is over \$1 million or \$1 million or under. To e-file your subdivision's AOB, log in to the subdivision's MEC account. You should receive an email with your subdivision ID and case-sensitive password.



### Conflict of Interest Ordinances

Each subdivision may choose to adopt its own method of disclosing the potential financial conflicts of interest of its candidates, officials, and/or employees. Please note—the minimum requirements outlined in statute for an ordinance do not include penalties. Include any desired penalties in the ordinance. Upon adoption, the subdivision is responsible for enforcing its ordinance.

### Checklist for Subdivisions:

- ✓ Confirm whether your subdivision's AOB is over \$1 million by **July 18, 2022**.
- ✓ Adopt a conflict of interest ordinance (if desired) by **September 15, 2022**.
- ✓ If ordinance is adopted, send a certified copy to the MEC within 10 days.

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### Welcome, Commissioners!

The MEC is pleased to welcome its newest Commissioners, Kathie Conway, Robin Wheeler Sanders, and Bill Villapiano! Commissioner Conway, of Wentzville, MO, served as a State Representative from 2010-2018. Commissioner Sanders, of Kansas City, MO, leads Human Resources, Learning and Development, Community Engagement, Corporate Communications, and Marketing at Swope Health. Commissioner Villapiano has been a Minister at Faith Fellowship church in Houston, MO, since 1984.



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.

## 2022 Legislative Update

### House Bill 2400—LLC Campaign Contributions

On June 30, 2022, Governor Parson signed into law HB 2400. Among other provisions, this bill outlines requirements for LLCs (not classified as corporations under the federal tax code) that wish to make contributions to committees in Missouri.

- LLCs must exist for at least one year prior to making contributions to any committee.
- By August 28, 2022, LLCs seeking to make contributions must electronically file with the MEC, indicating that they are a legitimate business with a legitimate business interest.
- Coming soon—LLC information filed with the MEC will be publicly available using our newest campaign finance search.

Visit [mec.mo.gov](https://mec.mo.gov) in the coming months for updates.



## MEC Satisfaction Survey

The MEC is always looking for new ways to better serve you. That's why we're conducting a brief satisfaction survey and would like to hear from you!

Click [here](#) to participate. We look forward to reviewing your responses.

**TAKE THE SURVEY**



## Campaign Finance: After the Election

### Options for Successful Candidates:

- File an amended *Statement of Committee Organization* to update election information in order to continue receiving reminders and notifications from the MEC.
- Use committee funds for necessary and ordinary expenses in connection with duties of office.
- Terminate the committee by appropriately distributing remaining funds, closing the committee bank account, and filing a full disclosure *Termination Report*.

### Options for Unsuccessful Candidates:

- If the committee has more money on hand than debt, terminate the committee by appropriately distributing remaining funds, closing the committee bank account, and filing a full disclosure *Termination Report*.
- If the committee has more debt than money on hand, convert to a debt service committee by filing an amended *Statement of Committee Organization*.
  - A debt service committee only accepts contributions to pay off debt and files all required quarterly reports.
  - Terminate debt service committee within 18 months of conversion.

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