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High moral and ethical standards are essential to assure the trust, respect, and confidence of the people of Alaska.



SELECT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

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Endorsing Municipal Candidates During Session

AS 24.60.031 does not prohibit a legislator or legislative employee to endorse a candidate for state or municipal office at any time, UNLESS the endorsement is part of a solicitation for a contribution.

◆ **Example of a permitted activity:**

Legislator or legislative employee endorses a municipal candidate in an ad or campaign flier **that does not include a solicitation for campaign contributions.**

◆ **Example of a prohibited activity:**

Hosting or co-hosting a fundraiser for a municipal candidate or having your name listed on the invitation for the fundraiser.

For more information, contact Ethics.Committee@akleg.gov or 907-269-0150.

Committee Members

Public Members

- Joyce Anderson, Chair
- Skip Cook
- Conner Thomas
- Deb Fancher
- Carl Symons White—NEW
- Alternate Linda Cox—NEW

Legislative Members

- Sen Gary Stevens
- Sen Robert Yundt
- Rep Kevin McCabe
- Rep Alyse Galvin

Administrator

- Kevin Reeve

Campaign Fundraising Prohibition in Session

Remember to check for and remove donation language and payment buttons from campaign websites during session. See AS 24.60.031.

Contact the Ethics Office at 907-269-0150 or

Ethics.Committee@akleg.gov for more information.

The purpose of ethics laws, first and foremost, lies in promoting both the reality and perceptions of integrity in government.

Mark Davies

Ethics Committee Welcomes New Public Members

Public Member Carl Symons White



Carl White is a registered Non-partisan Alaskan. He worked as an educator for over 40 years as a teacher, principal, assistant to the superintendent and adjunct professor in villages, rural and urban areas of Alaska. He has a BA in Geography and Social Studies, a Masters in School Administration, and holds credentials in secondary and elementary education. He is married and has a son and daughter.

Alternate Public Member Linda G. Cox



Linda Cox has a Bachelor of Social Work from BYU-Utah. She has served in various capacities including life coaching, teaching, and mentoring. These roles have reinforced her commitment to integrity, fairness, and accountability. She currently serves as a board member on the Butte Community Council. She is passionate about promoting ethical principles and supporting meaningful interactions that uplift and serve others. She is a happily married mother of eight and grandmother of many. Linda is registered Republican.

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Disclosure Notes

**Remember:
New
Associations
=
New
Disclosures**

Have you begun a new association or accepted a gift that requires disclosure?

- ⇒ **Board memberships** (within 30 days of the beginning of the association).
- ⇒ **Close economic associations** (both parties must file a disclosure within 30 days of the beginning of the association).
- ⇒ **State Benefit and Loan Programs** (within 30 days of the start date).
- ⇒ **State Contracts, Leases, and Grants** (within 30 days of the start date).
- ⇒ **Representation of a client for pay before a state agency** (within 30 days of the beginning of the association).
- ⇒ **Gift of travel/hospitality for obtaining information on a matter of legislative concern or sanctioned charity event** (within 60 days of the beginning of travel).
- ⇒ **Gift of travel/hospitality for family members or sanctioned charity event** (within 60 days of the beginning of travel).
- ⇒ **Gift unrelated to legislative status** (within 30 days of the date of the gift).
- ⇒ **Gift of legal services for legislative matters** (within 30 days of the beginning of the association).

File Ethics Disclosures Online. It's Easy!

1. Go to <http://intranet.akleg.gov/> and scroll down to the "File an Ethics Disclosure" section.
2. Click on "Login."
3. Enter your credentials (your computer log-in, not your email address).
4. Click on the type of disclosure you want to file.
5. Complete the form using drop down menus when available. (Provide complete information. Remember, gifts of travel are for the purpose of obtaining information about matters of legislative concern. **Include a detailed agenda and a one or two sentence narrative that addresses how the information you obtained is a matter of legislative concern.**)
6. Check your completed disclosure for accuracy and click "Proceed."
7. Review your disclosure and if correct, press "Submit."

Need More Help Filing Your Disclosure?

Download a four-page detailed instruction handout at <https://ethics.akleg.gov/disclosures.php> or **contact the Ethics Office at 907-269-0150 or 907-269-8179 if you need more information.**

When filing travel and/or hospitality disclosures, provide adequate information so the public will understand.

- Avoid the use of acronyms, such as NCSL
- Complete information about the donor.
- A description of the topics discussed, forums attended, or other pertinent agenda items.
- Attach a copy of the event agenda.

APOC Legislative Financial Disclosures Due March 17

Attention Legislators and Legislative Directors: Annual Legislative Financial Disclosures (AS 24.60.200) are due to APOC before midnight on **Monday, March 17, 2025.**

Legislative staff is permitted to help with preparing and filing a legislator's annual financial disclosure on state time using a government computer.

If you have questions about the financial disclosure, call **APOC at 907-276-4176.**

May I Accept Outside Employment While Working for the Legislature?

This is general overview only and it does not cover all situations.

Specific circumstances require specific advice. Contact the Ethics Office for more information.

A legislator or legislative employee may generally accept outside employment without disclosure to the Ethics Office. There are, however, situations that restrict such employment or require disclosure.

- **A legislator or legislative employee may not use government resources for a private use:**

Sec. 24.60.030. Prohibited conduct and conflicts of interest.

(a) A legislator or legislative employee may not...

(2) use public funds, facilities, equipment, services, or another government asset or resource for a nonlegislative purpose, for involvement in or support of or opposition to partisan political activity, or for the private benefit of the legislator, legislative employee, or another person; this paragraph does not prohibit ...

- **A legislator or legislative employee may not disclose confidential information acquired in the course of official duties:**

Sec. 24.60.060. Confidential information.

(a) A legislator, legislative employee, or public member of the committee may not knowingly make an unauthorized disclosure of information that is made confidential by law and that the person acquired in the course of official duties. ...

- **A legislator or legislative employee must disclose to the ethics office if a close economic association is involved in the employment:**

Sec. 24.60.070. Disclosure of close economic associations.

(a) A legislator or legislative employee shall disclose to the committee, which shall maintain a public record of the disclosure and forward the disclosure to the respective house for inclusion in the journal, the formation or maintenance of a close economic association involving a substantial financial matter with

(1) a supervisor who is not a member of the legislature who has responsibility or authority, either directly or indirectly, over the person's employment, including preparing or reviewing performance evaluations, or granting or approving pay raises or promotions; this paragraph does not apply to a public member of the committee;

(2) legislators;

(3) a public official as that term is defined in [AS 39.50](#);

(4) a registered lobbyist; or

(5) a legislative employee if the person required to make the disclosure is a legislator....

(d) In this section, "close economic association" means a financial relationship that exists between a person covered by this chapter and some other person or entity, including but not limited to relationships where the person covered by this chapter serves as a consultant or advisor to, is a member or representative of, or has a financial interest in, any association, partnership, business, or corporation.

- **A legislator or legislative employee may not seek or accept employment that is significantly greater than the fair market value of the services:**

Sec. 24.60.085. Restrictions on earned income and honoraria.

(a) A legislator or legislative employee may not (1) seek or accept compensation for personal services that is significantly greater than the value of the services rendered taking into account the higher rates generally charged by specialists in a profession; or ...

(c) During the term for which elected or appointed, a legislator may not, directly or by authorizing another to act on the legislator's behalf, accept or agree to accept compensation, except from the State of Alaska, for work associated with legislative action, administrative action, or political action. Notwithstanding [AS 24.60.990](#), in this subsection, "administrative action" and "legislative action" have the meanings given in [AS 24.45.171](#).



DISCLAIMER

Information provided is a general overview. Your circumstances may require specific information or advice. Contact Ethics Committee Administrator Kevin Reeve at 907-269-0150 to make sure your intended action complies with the Ethics Act AS 24.60.

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