

BEFORE THE ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION

IN RE:)
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JOSE ROEL TAGLE, JR.) FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE
) STATEMENT COMPLIANCE
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RECOMMENDATION ON CERTIFICATION

On August 26, 2026, the Alaska Public Offices Commission considered the matter of Mr. Tagle's public official financial disclosure statement.¹ On August 27, 2026, the Commission issued an initial order. The Commission now issues a full order explaining its reasoning. The Commission finds that Mr. Tagle's 2026 financial disclosure statement did not substantially comply with AS 39.50 within the 30-day grace period provided by statute.² If Mr. Tagle advances from the primary, the Commission recommends that the lieutenant governor not certify Mr. Tagle's nomination for the office of State Representative for District 22.³

¹ This matter was referred to the Commission by staff. *See infra* note 25.

² *See* AS 39.50.060(b).

³ 2 AAC 50.850(h); *see* AS 39.50.060(b). If Mr. Tagle is not "nominated," that is, if he does not advance to the general election, the matter addressed in this Recommendation is moot. *Grady v. State*, No. S-10296, 2002 WL 31529075 (Nov. 13, 2002) (unpublished). At the August 26, 2026 meeting, the Commission reviewed only whether Mr. Tagle's financial disclosure statement substantially complied with the requirements of AS 39.50 by July 1, 2026 and considered only whether to recommend that the lieutenant governor not certify Mr. Tagle's nomination under 2 AAC 50.850. Mr. Tagle's obligation to substantially comply with AS 39.50 did not end on July 1, but other penalties or remedies available for failing to file a complete financial disclosure statement are not before the Commission at this time. *See* AS 39.50.060; 2 AAC 50.855.

I. Background

Mr. Tagle is a candidate for State Representative for District 22. He appeared on the ballot during the August 18, 2026 State Primary Election.

A. Original Financial Disclosure Statement

Mr. Tagle filed a public official financial disclosure statement on June 1, 2026.⁴ Mr. Tagle listed his spouse and two children on the statement but did not disclose any income, business interests, loans or debts, leases, close economic associations or lobbyist partner employers.

On June 5, 2026, the Alaska Democratic Party filed a complaint with the Division of Elections alleging that Mr. Tagle's financial disclosure statement failed to comply with AS 39.50.⁵ On June 19, 2026, the Division of Elections determined that the grounds cited in the complaint were beyond the scope of its review.⁶ The Division of Elections noted that it was providing a copy of its decision to Mr. Tagle.⁷ As of July 1, 2026, Mr. Tagle had not updated his statement or contacted staff.

⁴ Tagle's 2026 POFD Form (June 1, 2026), <https://aws.state.ak.us/ApocReports/Common/View.aspx?ID=34233&ViewType=POFD>.

⁵ Staff Memorandum re: Jose Roel Tagle, Jr. (August 12, 2026), at Exhibit 1, <https://apoc.doa.alaska.gov/media/ot1kvlb2/09-consideration-of-candidate-pofd-compliance.pdf>.

⁶ Staff Memorandum re: Jose Roel Tagle, Jr. (August 12, 2026), at Exhibit 2, <https://apoc.doa.alaska.gov/media/ot1kvlb2/09-consideration-of-candidate-pofd-compliance.pdf>.

⁷ *Id.*

Still seeking to obtain a substantially compliant statement,⁸ on July 8, 2026, Commission staff emailed Mr. Tagle to inform him that his financial disclosure statement disclosed “no income and no business or financial interests, at all, for calendar year 2025 for you, your spouse, or your dependent children.”⁹ Commission staff asked Mr. Tagle to amend his statement and provided information about the required financial disclosures.

On July 15, 2026, Commission staff sent Mr. Tagle a letter via email, regular mail, and certified mail.¹⁰ The letter again noted that Mr. Tagle’s financial disclosure statement contained no income or other interests, and pointed out that public records indicated an ownership interest in Alarcon and Associates, LLC, and Stardust, LLC. The letter instructed Mr. Tagle to either update his statement or to contact staff and confirm that he had no reportable financial information. Due to a typo in the mailing address, the certified mail was returned to staff on July 23, 2026. The same day, staff resent the letter to the correct address on record with APOC and to business addresses that appeared to be

⁸ Mr. Tagle’s obligation to substantially comply with AS 39.50 did not end on July 1 and he was still required to file a complete statement even after missing the deadline. The recommendation not to certify under 2 AAC 50.850(h) is not the only enforcement action available to the Commission, although other penalties or remedies for failing to file a complete financial disclosure statement are not before the Commission at this time. See 2 AAC 50.855; AS 39.50.060.

⁹ Staff Memorandum re: Jose Roel Tagle, Jr. (August 12, 2026), at Exhibit 3, <https://apoc.doa.alaska.gov/media/ot1kvlb2/09-consideration-of-candidate-pofd-compliance.pdf>.

¹⁰ Staff Memorandum re: Jose Roel Tagle, Jr. (August 12, 2026), at Exhibit 4, <https://apoc.doa.alaska.gov/media/ot1kvlb2/09-consideration-of-candidate-pofd-compliance.pdf>.

associated with Mr. Tagle.¹¹

On August 6, 2026, the Alaska Democratic Party filed a complaint with APOC alleging that Mr. Tagle's financial disclosure statement did not substantially comply with AS 39.50.020 and AS 39.50.030. However, the Alaska Democratic Party did not ask to expedite the complaint or to consolidate it with this matter. As a result, the complaint is not currently before the Commission, and the Commission did not consider the substance of the complaint when making this Recommendation.

B. Amended Financial Disclosure Statement

Mr. Tagle amended his financial disclosure statement with some information about income, business interests, and child support on August 8, 2026.¹² The amendment description stated that "[w]hen initially filed, there was a glitch in all my saved history was not submitted."

Mr. Tagle amended his financial disclosure statement for a second time on August 16, 2026.¹³ The amendment description stated that "I need to add details for a debt child support due and a judgement against me as well as the relationship with my mother-in-law and our house in Muldoon where we reside."

¹¹ Staff Memorandum re: Jose Roel Tagle, Jr. (August 12, 2026), at Exhibit 5, <https://apoc.doa.alaska.gov/media/ot1kvlb2/09-consideration-of-candidate-pofd-compliance.pdf>.

¹² Tagle's Amended 2026 POFD Form (August 8, 2026), <https://aws.state.ak.us/ApocReports/Common/View.aspx?ID=34371&ViewType=POFD>.

¹³ Tagle's Second Amended 2026 POFD Form (August 16, 2026), <https://aws.state.ak.us/ApocReports/Common/View.aspx?ID=34383&ViewType=POFD>.

C. August 26, 2026 Meeting

On August 12, 2026, staff issued a meeting notice to Mr. Tagle explaining that the Commission would consider this matter on August 26, 2026.¹⁴ The notice was sent to Mr. Tagle via email, regular mail, and certified mail, to all addresses on record with APOC and the Division of Elections, and to addresses associated with his business interests. Mr. Tagle did not appear at the meeting.

II. Financial Disclosure Statements

Candidates for state elective office are required to file financial disclosure statements.¹⁵ Candidates must file these statements with the Division of Elections “at the time of filing a declaration of candidacy or a nominating petition or becoming a candidate by any other means.”¹⁶ The statement must be an “accurate representation” of the financial affairs of the candidate.¹⁷ It must include, for both the candidate and members of the candidate’s family, information about a variety of financial matters, including sources of income over \$1,000, business interests, interests in real property, trusts and fiduciary relationships, and loans of more than \$1,000.¹⁸ A candidate must make “a good

¹⁴ Staff Memorandum re: Jose Roel Tagle, Jr. (August 12, 2026), <https://apoc.doe.alaska.gov/media/ot1kvlb2/09-consideration-of-candidate-pofd-compliance.pdf>.

¹⁵ AS 39.50.020.

¹⁶ AS 39.50.020(a).

¹⁷ AS 39.50.030(a).

¹⁸ AS 39.50.030; *see* 2 AAC 50.680.

faith effort” to ascertain the reportable information.¹⁹

Candidates who fail or refuse to comply “with the requirements of [39.50]. . .shall forfeit nomination to office and may not be seated or installed in office if the person has not complied.”²⁰ “In the case of elected officials, the lieutenant governor, or other certifying authority, may not certify a person's nomination for office or the person's election to office if compliance was not made within the time required.”²¹ A candidate “is considered to have complied within the time required if the person complies within 30 days after the due date established by this chapter.”²²

While the Division of Elections is responsible for ensuring that financial disclosure statements are timely filed, the Commission is responsible for reviewing the substance of the statements.²³ 2 AAC 50.850(h) directs staff to prepare a list of candidates who have not filed a complete disclosure statement seven days before the primary election and general election withdrawal dates.²⁴ The Commission then considers

¹⁹ 2 AAC 50.690; AS 39.50.030(a).

²⁰ AS 39.50.060(b).

²¹ *Id.*

²² *Id.* The candidate filing deadline for all candidates was June 1, 2026. *See* Division of Elections Calendar, https://www.elections.alaska.gov/calendar/?events_in=June.

Financial disclosure statements must be filed with the director of elections “at the time of filing a declaration of candidacy or a nominating petition or becoming a candidate by any other means.” AS 39.50.020(a). As a result, June 1, 2026 was the latest permissible date to file a financial disclosure statement, and the 30-day grace period provided by statute ended on July 1, 2026. AS 39.50.060(b).

²³ AS 15.13.030(7); AS 39.50.050; 2 AAC 50.850(h)–(i).

²⁴ 2 AAC 50.850(h); *see also* 2 AAC 50.850(i) (directing staff to investigate if information discovered after a withdrawal deadline indicates that a candidate “has failed

the list at a meeting.²⁵ If the Commission determines that a candidate “has failed to supply required information on a significant source of income, interest in real property, business interest, loan, or trust, the commission will recommend. . .that the lieutenant governor not certify the candidate's nomination for office or election to office.”²⁶

III. Analysis

Mr. Tagle filed a financial disclosure statement on June 1, 2026.²⁷ AS 39.50.060(b) provided Mr. Tagle with a 30-day grace period to comply with the requirements of AS 39.50 before facing the forfeiture remedy. As a result, Mr. Tagle could have amended his report by July 1, 2026 and still have made a timely filing. Mr. Tagle was required to strictly comply with the July 1 deadline,²⁸ and he did not amend his report or contact staff before that time.²⁹

But “there is a difference between strictly enforcing election filing deadlines and

to comply substantially with the requirements of AS 39.50 or 2 AAC 50.680 - 2 AAC 50.799”).

²⁵ In recent times, staff have not prepared a list of candidates who have not filed complete disclosure statements, as contemplated by 2 AAC 50.850(h). Director Hebdon testified that after deficiencies in Mr. Tagle’s financial disclosure statement were brought to staff’s attention, staff conducted a review of all candidates’ financial disclosure statements.

²⁶ 2 AAC 50.850(h).

²⁷ Tagle’s 2026 POFD Form (June 1, 2026), <https://aws.state.ak.us/ApocReports/Common/View.aspx?ID=34233&ViewType=POFD>.

²⁸ *Grimm v. Wagoner*, 77 P.3d 423, 430-31 (Alaska 2003) (discussing strict enforcement of election filing deadlines).

²⁹ See *id.* at 430 (“Assessing compliance with filing deadlines is straightforward; a statement is either timely filed, or it is not.”)

measuring the extent to which a disclosure complies with substantive requirements.”³⁰

Substantial compliance is the appropriate standard for determining whether Mr. Tagle’s statement met the substantive requirements of AS 39.50 within the 30-day statutory grace period.³¹

The Commission finds that Mr. Tagle’s statement did not substantially comply with the financial disclosure requirements of AS 39.50 by the July 1 deadline. Financial disclosure statements must include information about sources of income over \$1,000 and business interests, among other items.³² As of July 1, 2026, Mr. Tagle’s statement did not identify any income or interests at all. But both the State of Alaska corporations database³³ and Mr. Tagle’s own amended filings indicate that he had reportable income and business interests that should have been disclosed by July 1. For example, Mr. Tagle’s August 8 amendment lists self-employment income in the \$20,000 - \$50,000 range and his August 16 amendment includes rental income from tenants in the \$2,000 - \$5,000 range.³⁴ Mr. Tagle’s amended statements also list a business interest in “Stardust

³⁰ *Id.* at 430.

³¹ *See id.* at 434 (“substantial compliance is the appropriate standard under AS 39.50.060(b)”).

³² AS 39.50.030(b).

³³ Staff Memorandum re: Jose Roel Tagle, Jr. (August 12, 2026), at p. 2 n. 6 and Exhibit 1, <https://apoc.doa.alaska.gov/media/ot1kvlb2/09-consideration-of-candidate-pofd-compliance.pdf>.

³⁴ Tagle’s Amended 2026 POFD Form (August 8, 2026), <https://aws.state.ak.us/ApocReports/Common/View.aspx?ID=34371&ViewType=POFD>; Tagle’s Second Amended 2026 POFD Form (August 16, 2026), <https://aws.state.ak.us/ApocReports/Common/View.aspx?ID=34383&ViewType=POFD>.

limited,”³⁵ and the State of Alaska corporations database indicates this interest is non-trivial.³⁶ The amended statements cover the same 2025 reporting period as the original statement. As a result, the Commission finds that Mr. Tagle’s statement failed to supply required information on significant sources of income and business interests by July 1.³⁷

The Commission also notes that the Division of Elections sent Mr. Tagle notice of a potential deficiency with his financial disclosure statement before July 1, during the 30-day statutory grace period. Additionally, Mr. Tagle filed a financial disclosure statement in 2020 that included income information, suggesting he was aware of the requirement.³⁸ Although Mr. Tagle’s first amended financial disclosure statement stated that there was “a glitch” when submitting his original statement, Director Hebdon testified at the hearing that staff was not able to find any error logs to substantiate this claim.

For the reasons above, the Commission recommends that the lieutenant governor not certify Mr. Tagle’s nomination for the office of State Representative for District 22 if Mr. Tagle advances from the primary.

³⁵ *Id.*

³⁶ Staff Memorandum re: Jose Roel Tagle, Jr. (August 12, 2026), at p. 2 n. 6 and Exhibit 1, <https://apoc.doa.alaska.gov/media/ot1kv1b2/09-consideration-of-candidate-pofd-compliance.pdf>.

³⁷ 2 AAC 50.850(h).

³⁸ Tagle’s 2020 POFD Form (March 11, 2020), <https://aws.state.ak.us/ApocReports/Common/View.aspx?ID=21927&ViewType=POFD>.

Dated: August 28, 2026

BY ORDER OF THE ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION³⁹

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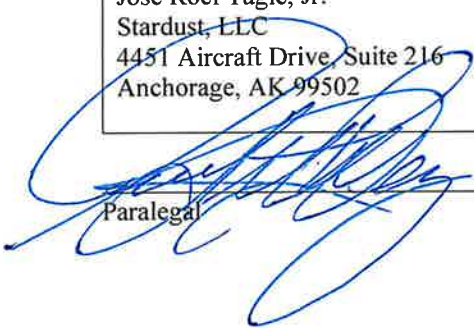
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