



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES
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SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING
5th Floor Conference Room
February 26, 2020
1:00 P.M.

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Castagno was present via teleconference and called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. Commissioners Penny and Ajello were present. Commissioners Bramante and Cascudo were present via teleconference.

II. Administrative Reports

Commissioner Castagno presented special recognition to Lead Legal Investigator Gilberto Oyola for his 22 years of service to the State Elections Enforcement Commission and the Commission congratulated him on his retirement.

III. Pending Complaints and Investigations

A. Public Session

No matters considered at this meeting.

IV. Executive Session per General Statutes §§ 1-200(6)(B) and (E), and 1-210(b)(1), (3),(4),(10) and General Statutes §9-7a, as amended by Public Act 11-48 §300 (Preliminary draft and agency consideration of enforcement action and exempt records relative thereto)

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello at 1:04 P.M. to proceed into Executive Session pursuant to General Statutes §§ 1-200(6)(B) and (E), and 1-210(b)(1),(3),(4),(10) to discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims and exempt records. So voted.

Commissioners Penny and Ajello were present. Commissioner Castagno, Bramante and Cascudo were present via teleconference. Staff members present were James Talbert-Slagle, William B. Smith, Ryan M. Burns, Gilberto Oyola, Joshua Foley, Salman Munir, Linda Waterman, Douglas Frost, Shannon Kief, Michael J. Brandi, Subrina Persaud and Sheri-Lyn Lagueux.

Returning to public session at 2:05 P.M. the Commission took the following action:

1. In Re: SEEC File No. 2019-200 In re: Post Election Review Findings Related to Certain Integrated Campaign Service Providers

SEEC File No. 2018-033, *In re*. SEEC Initiated: *Arconti 2016* – Audit Findings;
SEEC File No. 2018-034, *In re*. SEEC Initiated: *Candelaria 2016* – Audit Findings;
SEEC File No. 2018-036, *In re*. SEEC Initiated: *Linehan 2016* – Audit Findings;
SEEC File No. 2018-038, *In re*. SEEC Initiated: *Friends of Russ* – Audit Findings;
SEEC File No. 2018-039, *In re*. SEEC Initiated: *Citizens for Mushinsky* – Audit Findings;
SEEC File No. 2018-040, *In re*. SEEC Initiated: *Friends of Lonnie Reed* – Audit Findings;
SEEC File No. 2018-041, *In re* SEEC Initiated: *Reynolds4staterrep* – Audit Findings;
SEEC File No. 2018-042, *In re*. SEEC Initiated: *Friends of Emmett Riley* – Audit Findings; and
SEEC File No. 2018-043, *In re*. SEEC Initiated: *Tomchik 138* – Audit Findings
Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: James Talbert-Slagle

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Bramante to adopt the Proposed Findings & Conclusions which consolidates and resolves File Nos. 2018-033, 2018-034, 2018-036, 2018-038, 2018-039, 2018-040, 2018-041, 2018-042 and 2018-043. So voted by a vote 4-1-0 with Commissioner Cascudo opposing.

2. Consideration of Draft Audit Reports

2016 Election Cycle

1. “Arconti 2016,” David Arconti
Examiner: Nicole Petit
2. “Candelaria 2016,” Juan Candelaria
Examiner: Matthew Lombardi
3. “Linehan 2016,” Liz Linehan
Examiner: Krysta Palozie
4. “Friends of Russ,” Russell Morin
Examiner: Dinorah Collado
5. “Citizens for Mushinsky,” Mary M. Mushinsky
Examiner: Ergys Guni

6. "Friends of Lonnie Reed," Lonnie Reed
Examiner: Krysta Palozie
7. "Reynolds4staterep," Patrick J. Reynolds
Examiner: Nicole Petit
8. "Friends of Emmett Riley," Emmett D. Riley
Examiner: Nicole Petit
9. "Tomchik 138," Jeffrey A. Tomchik
Examiner: Nicole Petit
10. "Arlene Avery for Senate," Arlene F. Avery
Examiner: Nicole Petit
11. "Boyd for Connecticut," Patrick S. Boyd
Examiner: Karen Walauskas
12. "Christine Conley 2016," Christine Conley
Examiner: Nicole Petit
13. "Currier for Connecticut," Thomas Currier
Examiner: Matthew Lombardi
14. "David Pena for State Senate 2016," David Pena
Examiner: Ergys Guni
15. "GREG CAVA 2016," Gregory J. Cava
Examiner: Karen Walauskas
16. "Osten 2016," Catherine A. Osten
Examiner: Nicole Petit
17. "Kathy for State Rep 2016," Kathleen M. Bachiochi
Examiner: Karen Waluskas

2018 Election Cycle

18. "R 92," Joshua A. Rose
Examiner: Nicole Petit
19. "Re-Elect Tami Z for the 61st," Tami W. Zawistowski
Examiner: Nicole Petit
20. "Osborne 2018," Melissa E. Osborne
Examiner: Krysta Palozie

21. "Eric Berthel for Senate," Eric C. Berthel
Examiner: Dinorah Collado
22. "Giacomi for State Rep.," Steven R. Giacomi
Examiner: Nicole Petit
23. "D'Amelio For Senate," Marc D'Amelio
Examiner: Dinorah Collado
24. "McLachlan 2018," Michael A. McLachlan
Examiner: Dinorah Collado
25. "Friends of CAZ," Casimir A. Mizera
Examiner: Krysta Palozie
26. "Candelora for State Rep," Vincent J. Candelora
Examiner: Karen Walauskas
27. "Len Suzio for Senate," Len Suzio
Examiner: Ergys Guni
28. "Pagano 2018," Diane Pagano
Examiner: Matthew Lombardi
29. "Leslee Hill for the 17th District," Leslee B. Hill
Examiner: Nicole Petit
30. "Stephanie Thomas for CT," Stephanie Thomas
Examiner: Krysta Palozie
31. "Committee to Elect Alphonse Paolillo," Alphonse J. Paolillo
Examiner: Karen Walauskas
32. "McCarty for State Rep 2018," Kathleen M. McCarty
Examiner: Dinorah Collado
33. "Martin Looney for State Senate," Martin M. Looney
Examiner: Dinorah Collado
34. "Connie 2018," Connie Jagodzinski
Examiner: Matthew Lombardi
35. "Witkos 2018," Kevin D. Witkos
Examiner: Karen Walauskas
36. "Simanski 2018," William J. Simanski
Examiner: Karen Walauskas

37. "Gail Lavielle for State Representative," Gail Lavielle
Examiner: Karen Walauskas

38. "Page for Change," Frank B. Page
Examiner: Matthew Lombardi

39. "Barry 4 CT," Jill Barry
Examiner: Karen Walauskas

Linda Waterman provided an overview of the audits and recommended that the Commission make audit numbers 1 through 39 final. So moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello. So voted by a vote 5-0-0.

V. Consideration of Matters Discussed in Executive Session

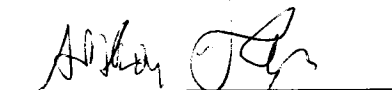
VI. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Cascudo and seconded by Commissioner Ajello at 2:09 PM to adjourn the meeting. So voted. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes of the Commission were unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,


Sheri-Lyn Lagueux
Clerk of the Commission

Adopted this 4th day of March, 2020 at Hartford, Connecticut.


Anthony Castagno, Chair
By Order of the Commission

The next regular scheduled meeting is March 4, 2020 at 9:30 A.M. in the 5th Floor Conference room.