



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

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STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR TELEPHONIC MEETING  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
September 23, 2020  
3:30 P.M.

**I. Call to Order**

Commissioner Bramante was present and called the meeting to order at 3:33 P.M. Commissioners Michael Ajello, Stephen Penny and Andrew Cascudo were present via Webex. Agency staff was also present.

**II. 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 3:35 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.

Commissioner Bramante was present. Commissioners Penny, Ajello and Cascudo were present via Webex. Staff members present via teleconference were Kevin Ahern, Shannon Kief and Michael J. Brandi. Staff members present were Sheri-Lyn Lagueux.

The Commission returned to public session at 3:43 P.M.

Recommendation of Counsel: Discussion of Candidate Committee Validation Memoranda

No action was taken.

**III. Consideration of Application for Public Grants from the Citizens' Election Fund**

**A. Continuation of Prior Applications Awaiting Additional Information to Qualify for a Grant**

1. "Susan Chapman for State Senate," Susan Chapman
2. "Fortier for State Senate," Mary Fortier
3. "Boyd 2020," Pat Boyd

4. *"Leslee Hill for the 17<sup>th</sup> District," Leslee Hill*

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *"Leslee Hill for the 17<sup>th</sup> District," Leslee Hill*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

5. *"A Better Stamford," Juan Ospina*
6. *"Bush2020CT," Rick Bush*

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *"Bush2020CT," Rick Bush*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

7. *"Butler 2020, Larry Butler*
8. *"Concepcion for Hartford 2020," Julio Concepcion*
9. *"Doug for CT," Doug Dubitsky*
10. *"Dr. Moffa 2020," Frederick Moffa*

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *"Dr. Moffa 2020," Frederick Moffa*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

11. *"Elect Mae Flexer," Mae Flexer*

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *"Elect Mae Flexer," Mae Flexer*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

12. *"ErinforCT," Erin Reilly*
13. *"Friends of ED," Edward Scinto*

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *"Friends of ED," Edward Scinto*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

14. *"Jerrell for State Representative," Jerrell Hargraves*
15. *"McCrorry for Senate," Douglas McCrorry*
16. *"Piotr Ceglarz for 26<sup>th</sup>," Piotr Ceglarz*
17. *"Post 2020," Gregory Post*

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *"Post 2020," Gregory Post*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

18. *"Romano-Csonka for the 133<sup>rd</sup>," Joanne Romano-Csonka*

19. *"Samela for Naugatuck," Stephen Samela*

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *"Samela for Naugatuck," Stephen Samela*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

20. *"Siegrist for Connecticut," Robert Siegrist*

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *"Siegrist for Connecticut," Robert Siegrist*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

21. *"Vargas 2020," Edwin Vargas*

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *"Vargas 2020," Edwin Vargas*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

Director Brandi summarized the grant application for "Vargas 2020" and recommended that: The Commission pursuant to its authority in General Statutes §9-7b (a) initiates an investigation, based on facts discovered in the course of a staff validation of a Citizens' Election Program grant application, into potential campaign finance violations pertaining to contributions received by the "Vargas2020" committee. The investigation will be docketed as: In Re: Commission Initiated Investigation into Contributions Received by the "Vargas2020" Committee.

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to initiate an investigation regarding the grant application for "Vargas 2020," Edwin Vargas. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

22. *"Vote Steve Choi," Steve Choi*

23. *"Dan Maymin Committee to Elect for CT 147<sup>th</sup> District State Rep," Dan Maymin*

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *"Dan Maymin Committee to Elect for CT 147<sup>th</sup> District State Rep," Dan Maymin*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

24. *"Wink for 137," Ellen Wink*

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *"Wink for 137," Ellen Wink*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

25. *"JoAnn 2020," JoAnn Angelico-Stetson*

26. *"Walker 2020," Toni Walker*

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for "*Walker 2020, Toni Walker*". So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

27. "*Barry 2020, Jill Barry*"

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for "*Barry 2020, Jill Barry*". So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

28. "*Fonfara 2020, John Fonfara*"

29. "*Julie Shilosky, Julianne Shilosky*"

30. "*Rivers for CT 2020, Shamyra Rivers*"

31. "*Ulbrich for Wallingford, Weston Ulbrich*"

32. "*Now for Us, Eva Maldonado*"

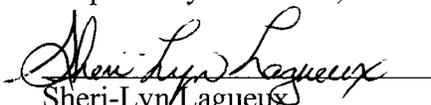
33. "*Reelect Baker, Andre Baker*"

**IV. Consideration of Matters Discussed in Executive Session**

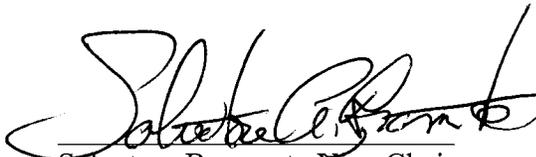
**V. Adjournment**

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and Seconded by Commissioner Ajello at 3:54 PM to adjourn the meeting. Unless otherwise noted, all votes of the Commission are unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sheri-Lyn Lagueux  
Clerk of the Commission

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020 at Hartford, Connecticut.

  
Salvatore Bramante Vice Chair  
By Order of the Commission

***The next regular scheduled meeting is September 30, 2020 at 3:30 P.M. in the 5th Floor Conference room.***