



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES
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REGULAR TELEPHONIC MEETING
5th Floor Conference Room
September 30, 2020
3:30 P.M.

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Castagno was present via Webex and called the meeting to order at 3:32 P.M. Commissioner Bramante was present. Commissioners Michael Ajello, Stephen Penny and Andrew Cascudo were present via Webex. Agency staff was also present.

Commissioner Castagno added a matter to Executive Session as V.02.
Recommendation of Counsel: Discussion of Rules Regarding the Public's Participation in Commission Meetings

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)

Recommendation of Counsel: Discussion of Candidate Committee Validation Memoranda

Executive Session was not convened.

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

A. New Applications

1. "Friends of Travis Simms," Travis Simms

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Cascudo to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Fortier for State Senate," Mary Fortier. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

B. 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***

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Cascudo to approve the grant application for "*Fortier for State Senate, Mary Fortier*". So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

3. "*Boyd 2020, Pat Boyd*"

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Cascudo to approve the grant application for "*Boyd 2020, Pat Boyd*". So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

4. "*A Better Stamford, Juan Ospina*"

5. "*Butler 2020, Larry Butler*"

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Cascudo to approve the grant application for "*Butler 2020, Larry Butler*". So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

6. "*Concepcion for Hartford 2020, Julio Concepcion*"

7. "*Doug for CT, Doug Dubitsky*"

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Cascudo to approve the grant application for "*Doug for CT, Doug Dubitsky*". So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

8. "*ErinforCT, Erin Reilly*"

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Cascudo to approve the grant application for "*ErinforCT, Erin Reilly*". So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

9. "*Jerrell for State Representative, Jerrell Hargraves*"

10. "*McCrorry for Senate, Douglas McCrorry*"

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Cascudo to approve the grant application for "*McCrorry for Senate, Douglas McCrorry*". So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

11. "*Piotr Ceglarz for 26th, Piotr Ceglarz*"

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Cascudo to approve the grant application for "*Piotr Ceglarz for 26th, Piotr Ceglarz*". So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

12. *“Romano-Csonka for the 133rd,” Joanne Romano-Csonka*

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Cascudo to approve the grant application for *“Romano-Csonka for the 133rd,” Joanne Romano-Csonka*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

13. *“Vote Steve Choi,” Steve Choi*

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Cascudo to approve the grant application for *“Vote Steve Choi,” Steve Choi*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

14. *“JoAnn 2020,” JoAnn Angelico-Stetson*

15. *“Fonfara 2020,” John Fonfara*

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Cascudo to approve the grant application for *“Fonfara 2020,” John Fonfara*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

16. *“Julie Shilosky,” Julianne Shilosky*

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Cascudo to approve the grant application for *“Julie Shilosky,” Julianne Shilosky*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

17. *“Rivers for CT 2020,” Shamyra Rivers*

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Cascudo to approve the grant application for *“Rivers for CT 2020,” Shamyra Rivers*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

18. *“Ulbrich for Wallingford” Weston Ulbrich*

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Cascudo to approve the grant application for *“Ulbrich for Wallingford” Weston Ulbrich*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

19. *“Now for Us,” Eva Maldonado*

20. *“Reelect Baker,” Andre Baker*

IV. Pending Complaints and Investigations

V. 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 Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Cascudo at 3:41 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 Castagno, Penny, Ajello and Cascudo were present via Webex. Staff members present via teleconference were Kevin Ahern, Ryan M. Burns, Stephanie Fish, Joshua Foley, Chelsea Ruzzo, Shannon Kief and Michael J. Brandi. Staff members present were Scott Branfuhr and Sheri-Lyn Lagueux.

The Commission returned to public session at 4:09 P.M.

Returning to public session, the Commission took the following action:

1. In the Matter of a Complaint by Justin Elicker, New Haven
File Nos. 2017-062A, 2019-030A, & 2019-110A
Recommendation of Counsel

Attorney:

Ryan M. Burns

Legal Investigator:

Scott Branfuhr

The matter is continued.

2. Recommendation of Counsel: Discussion of Rules Regarding the Public's Participation in Commission Meetings

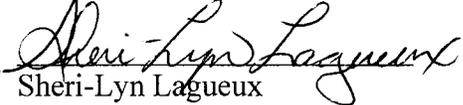
The matter is continued.

VI. Consideration of Matters Discussed in Executive Session

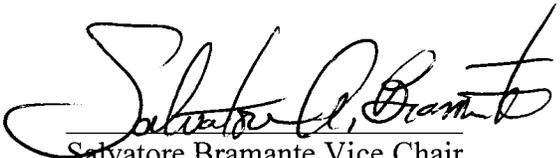
VII. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Cascudo at 4:10 P.M. 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 7th day of October, 2020 at Hartford, Connecticut.


Salvatore Bramante Vice Chair
By Order of the Commission

The next regular scheduled meeting is October 7, 2020 at 3:30 P.M. in the 5th Floor Conference room.