



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

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STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR TELEPHONIC MEETING
5th Floor Conference Room
September 2, 2020 3:30 P.M.

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Castagno was present via Webex and called the meeting to order at 3:31 P.M. Commissioner Salvatore Bramante was present. Commissioners Michael Ajello, Stephen Penny and Andrew Cascudo were present via Webex. Agency staff was also present and present via Webex.

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)

1. Recommendation of Counsel: Discussion of Candidate Committee Validation Memoranda

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

A. New Applications

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

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *"A Better Stamford," Juan Ospina*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

2. *"Bush2020CT," Rick Bush*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *"Bush2020CT," Rick Bush*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

3. *"Butler 2020, Larry Butler*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *"Butler 2020, Larry Butler*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

4. *“Cassano4Senate,” Stephen Cassano*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Cassano4Senate,” Stephen Cassano*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

5. *“Chip for Westport,” Ronald Stephens*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Chip for Westport,” Ronald Stephens*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

6. *“Christine for State Representative,” Christine Rosati Randall*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Christine for State Representative,” Christine Rosati Randall*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

7. *“Committee to Re-Elect John A. Kissel, John Kissel*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Committee to Re-Elect John A. Kissel, John Kissel*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

8. *“Concepcion for Hartford 2020,” Julio Concepcion*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Concepcion for Hartford 2020,” Julio Concepcion*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

9. *“Doug for CT,” Doug Dubitsky*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Doug for CT,” Doug Dubitsky*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

10. *“Dr. Moffa 2020,” Frederick Moffa*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Dr. Moffa 2020,” Frederick Moffa*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

11. *“ejforthe89th,” Edward Maher*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“ejforthe89th,” Edward Maher*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

12. *“Elect Mae Flexer,” Mae Flexer*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Elect Mae Flexer,” Mae Flexer*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

13. *“ErinforCT,” Erin Reilly*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“ErinforCT,” Erin Reilly*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

14. *“Friends of ED,” Edward Scinto*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Friends of ED,” Edward Scinto*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

15. *“Friends of Emmett Riley,” Emmett Riley*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Friends of Emmett Riley,” Emmett Riley*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

16. *“Friends of Mike DiMassa,” Michael DiMassa*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Friends of Mike DiMassa,” Michael DiMassa*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

17. *“Groh 2020,” Larry Groh*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to approve the grant application for *“Groh 2020,” Larry Groh*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

18. *“Jerrell for State Representative,” Jerrell Hargraves*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Jerrell for State Representative,” Jerrell Hargraves*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

19. *“Joe De La Cruz 2020,” Joseph De La Cruz*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Joe De La Cruz 2020,” Joseph De La Cruz*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

20. *“John Hall 2020,” John Hall*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“John Hall 2020,” John Hall*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

21. *“Josh for State Representative,” Joshua Elliott*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Josh for State Representative,” Joshua Elliott*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

22. *“Lauren Gauthier for State Representative,” Lauren Gauthier*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Lauren Gauthier for State Representative,” Lauren Gauthier*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

23. *“Matt Geren 2020,” Matt Geren*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Matt Geren 2020,” Matt Geren*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

24. *“McCarty for State Rep 2020,” Kathleen McCarty*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“McCarty for State Rep 2020,” Kathleen McCarty*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

25. *“McCrory for Senate,” Douglas McCrory*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“McCrory for Senate,” Douglas McCrory*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

26. *“Napoli 2020,” Ronald Napoli*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Napoli 2020,” Ronald Napoli*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

27. *“Piotr Ceglarz for 26th,” Piotr Ceglarz*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Piotr Ceglarz for 26th,” Piotr Ceglarz*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

28. *“Post 2020,” Gregory Post*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Post 2020,” Gregory Post*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

29. *“Q Phipps 2020,” Quentin Phipps*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Q Phipps 2020,” Quentin Phipps*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Romano-Csonka for the 133rd,” Joanne Romano-Csonka*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

31. *“Samela for Naugatuck,” Stephen Samela*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Samela for Naugatuck,” Stephen Samela*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

32. *“Siegrist for Connecticut,” Robert Siegrist*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Siegrist for Connecticut,” Robert Siegrist*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

33. *“Vargas 2020,” Edwin Vargas*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Vargas 2020,” Edwin Vargas*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

34. *“Vote Steve Choi,” Steve Choi*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Vote Steve Choi,” Steve Choi*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

35. *“Bell 2020,” Robert Bell*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Bell 2020,” Robert Bell*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

36. *“Buckbee 2020,” William Buckbee*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to approve the grant application for *“Buckbee 2020,” William Buckbee*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

37. *“Dan Maymin Committee to Elect for CT 147th District State Rep,” Dan Maymin*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Dan Maymin Committee to Elect for CT 147th District State Rep,” Dan Maymin*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

38. *“Danette 2020,” Danette Onofrio*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to approve the grant application for *“Danette 2020,” Danette Onofrio*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

39. *“Tony Sutton 2020,” Tony Sutton*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to approve the grant application for *“Tony Sutton 2020,” Tony Sutton*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

40. *“Mike France 2020,” Mike France*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to approve the grant application for *“Mike France 2020,” Mike France*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

41. *“Leone for Senate 2020,” Carlo Leone*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Leone for Senate 2020,” Carlo Leone*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

42. *“Craig Miner 2020,” Craig Miner*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to approve the grant application for *“Craig Miner 2020,” Craig Miner*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

43. *“Wink for 137,” Ellen Wink*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Wink for 137,” Ellen Wink*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

44. *“Sullivan for CT 2020,” Jeff Sullivan*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to approve the grant application for *“Sullivan for CT 2020,” Jeff Sullivan*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

45. *“Santiago for State Representative,” Hilda Santiago*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Santiago for State Representative,” Hilda Santiago*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

46. *“Nolan4nl,” Anthony Nolan*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Nolan4nl,” Anthony Nolan*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

47. *“Matthews for 72nd 2020,” Vernon Matthews*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Matthews for 72nd 2020,” Vernon Matthews*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

48. *“Marois is My Choice,” Brian Marois*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to approve the grant application for *“Marois is My Choice,” Brian Marois*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

49. *“Kerri for Connecticut,” Kerri Colombo*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to approve the grant application for *“Kerri for Connecticut,” Kerri Colombo*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“JoAnn 2020,” JoAnn Angelico-Stetson*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

51. *“Elect Rick Hayes,” Ricky Hayes*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Elect Rick Hayes,” Ricky Hayes*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

52. *“Walker 2020,” Toni Walker*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Walker 2020,” Toni Walker*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

53. *“Barry 2020,” Jill Barry*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Barry 2020,” Jill Barry*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

54. *“Fonfara 2020,” John Fonfara*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Fonfara 2020,” John Fonfara*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

55. *“Scalise for State Representative,” Dagmara Scalise*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Scalise for State Representative,” Dagmara Scalise*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

56. *“Julie Shilosky,” Julianne Shilosky*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Julie Shilosky,” Julianne Shilosky*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

57. *“Hall 2020,” Joshua Hall*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *Hall 2020,” Joshua Hall*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

58. *“Dan Fox 2020,” Daniel Fox*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *Dan Fox 2020,” Daniel Fox*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

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

1. *“Boyd 2020,” Pat Boyd*
2. *“Gary 2020,” Gary Winfield*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to approve the grant application for *“Gary 2020,” Gary Winfield*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

3. *“Henrie for 61st,” John Henrie*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to approve the grant application for *“Henrie for 61st,” John Henrie*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

4. *“Lemar 2020,” Roland Lemar*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to approve the grant application for *“Lemar 2020,” Roland Lemar*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

5. *“Mase 2020,” Vincent Mase*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to approve the grant application for *“Mase 2020,” Vincent Mase*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

6. *“Ziogas 20,” Christopher Ziogas*
7. *“Beckett for Glastonbury,” Stewart Beckett*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Beckett for Glastonbury,” Stewart Beckett*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

8. *“Leslee Hill for the 17th District,” Leslee Hill*

9. *“Matt 2020,” Matthew Lesser*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Matt 2020,” Matthew Lesser*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

- 10. *“Mitch for Newtown,” Mitch Bolinsky*
- 11. *“Southworth for Senate,” Michael Southworth*
- 12. *“Beyus 2020,” Christopher Beyus*
- 13. *“Elect Hilary Ram for the 67th,” Hilary Ram*
- 14. *“Lanoue for 45th,” Brian Lanoue*
- 15. *“Sanchez 2020,” Robert (Bobby) Sanchez*
- 16. *“Tercyak 2020,” Peter Tercyak*
- 17. *“Judd for 34,” Wilson Melon*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Judd for 34,” Wilson Melon*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

18. *“Abercrombie for State Rep.,” Catherine Abercrombie*

IV. Pending Complaints and Investigations

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 Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny at 3:53 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 and Ajello were present via Webex. Commissioner Cascudo left the meeting at 3:54 P.M.. Staff members present via Webex were Kevin Ahern and Michael J. Brandi. Staff members present were Sheri-Lyn Lagueux.

The Commission returned to public session at 4:07 P.M.

- 1. In the Matter of a Complaint by Maria Pereira, Bridgeport
File No. 2019-038

Recommendation of Counsel

Attorney:

Legal Investigator:

Kevin M. Ahern

Scott Branfuhr

Attorney Kevin Ahern summarized the Consent Agreement. He recommended adoption of the Consent Order & Agreement to formally accept the agreement as a final disposition of File No. 2019-038.

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and Seconded by Commissioner Penny to adopt the Consent Order & Agreement as a final disposition of File No. 2019-038. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0. Commissioner Cascudo was not present during executive session and did not vote on the matter.

V. Consideration of Matters Discussed in Executive Session

VI. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and Seconded by Commissioner Penny at 4:09 PM to adjourn the meeting. Unless otherwise noted, all votes of the Commission are unanimous

The next regular scheduled meeting is September 10, 2020 at 3:30 P.M. in the 5th Floor Conference room.