



REGULAR TELEPHONIC MEETING via Webex
DRAFT MINUTES

June 1, 2022 9:30 A.M.

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Penny was present via Webex and called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M. Commissioners Michael Ajello and Greg Piecuch were present via Webex. Agency staff was also present and present via Webex.

II. Approval of the Minutes

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of May 18, 2022

It was moved by Commissioner Piecuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of May 18, 2022. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

III. Administrative Reports

There were no Administrative Reports.

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)

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

Executive session was not convened.

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

A. New Applications

1. "Dominic for CT," Dominic Rapini

It was moved by Commissioner Piecuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for "Dominic for CT," Dominic Rapini. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

2. *“Team Tong,” William Tong*

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *“Team Tong,” William Tong*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

3. *“David Michel 2022,” David Michel*

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“David Michel 2022,” David Michel*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

4. *“Martin Looney for State Senate,” Martin Looney*

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *“Martin Looney for State Senate,” Martin Looney*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

5. *“BobHforthe58th,” Robert Hendrickson*

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“BobHforthe58th,” Robert Hendrickson*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

6. *“Gresko 2022,” Joseph Gresko*

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *“Gresko 2022,” Joseph Gresko*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

7. *“Cara 2022,” Cara Pavalock-D’Amato*

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *“Cara 2022,” Cara Pavalock-D’Amato*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

8. *“Case 2022,” Jay Case*

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *“Case 2022,” Jay Case*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

9. *“David Rutigliano for Trumbull,” David Rutigliano*

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *“David Rutigliano for Trumbull,” David Rutigliano*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

10. *"Fishbein for Connecticut," Craig Fishbein*

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *"Fishbein for Connecticut," Craig Fishbein*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

11. *"Heather for House," Heather Maguire*

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to continue without prejudice the grant application for *"Heather for House," Heather Maguire*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

12. *"Lisa for Eastern CT," Lisa Thomas*

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *"Lisa for Eastern CT," Lisa Thomas*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

13. *"Maria Horn for 64," Maria Horn*

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *"Maria Horn for 64," Maria Horn*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

14. *"Moira Rader for Connecticut," Moira Rader*

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *"Moira Rader for Connecticut," Moira Rader*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

15. *"Steve Weir for CT," Steve Weir*

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *"Steve Weir for CT," Steve Weir*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

16. *"DeCaprio4CT48th," Mark DeCaprio*

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *"DeCaprio4CT48th," Mark DeCaprio*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

17. *“Eric Berthel for Senate,” Eric Berthel*

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *“Eric Berthel for Senate,” Eric Berthel*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

18. *“Paul Honig 2022,” Paul Honig*

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *“Paul Honig 2022,” Paul Honig*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

19. *“Polletta For Rep,” Joseph Polletta*

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *“Polletta For Rep,” Joseph Polletta*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

20. *“Cheeseman for the 37th,” Holly Cheeseman*

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *“Cheeseman for the 37th,” Holly Cheeseman*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

21. *“Kate for CT,” Kate Farrar*

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *“Kate for CT,” Kate Farrar*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

22. *“Prakash for CT,” Pankaj Prakash*

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *“Prakash for CT,” Pankaj Prakash*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

23. *“Saud Anwar for State Senate 2022,” Saud Anwar*

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *“Saud Anwar for State Senate 2022,” Saud Anwar*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

24. *“Friends of Travis Simms,” Travis Simms*

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *“Friends of Travis Simms,” Travis Simms*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

25. *“Kevin Brown for Vernon,” Kevin Brown*

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *“Kevin Brown for Vernon,” Kevin Brown*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

VI. *Pending Complaints and Investigations*

A. Public Session

1. In the Matter of a Complaint by Margaret S. Cawley and Karen O. Linehan, Stonington Registrars of Voters
File No. 2017-010
Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: William B. Smith
Legal Investigator:

This matter is marked off.

2. In the Matter of a Referral by the Burlington Town Clerk
File No. 2021-171
Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: William B. Smith
Legal Investigator: Ronald Perry

Attorney William B. Smith summarized the above referenced complaint and Proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File No. 2021-171. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Consent Order & Agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to adopt the Consent Order & Agreement in File No. 2021-171. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0. The Consent Order & Agreement will be available on our website under Commission Decisions.

VII. *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 Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello at 9:59 A.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 by a vote of 3-0-0.

Commissioners Penny, Ajello, and Picuch were present via Webex. Staff members present via Webex were: Michael J. Brandi, Salman Munir, Sheri-Lyn Lagueux, Shannon Clark Kief, Geetha Natarajan, Lisa Drew, William Smith, James Talbert-Slagle, Kevin Ahern, Lindsey Leung, Joshua Foley, Scott Branfuhr, Ronald Perry, Stephanie Fish, Stephen Palmer, Paul Brady.

The Commission returned to public session at 10:46 A.M.

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

1. Recommendation of Counsel: Necessary to Investigate Determination pursuant to General Statutes §9-7a, as amended by Public Act 11-48 §300

Attorney Kevin M. Ahern summarized the Recommendation of Counsel dated June 01, 2022 and requested that one (1) matter be moved to investigate.

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to make a determination that it is necessary to investigate violations relating to one (1) complaint File No. 2022-028. So approved by the Commission, 3-0-0. So voted.

2. In the Matter of a Complaint by Linda Szykowitz, et al, Middletown File Nos. 2021-047 & 2021-050
Recommendation of Counsel

Attorney:	Kevin M. Ahern
Legal Investigator:	Scott Branfuhr

Attorney Kevin M. Ahern summarized the above referenced complaint and Proposed Findings and Conclusions in File Nos. 2021-047 & 2021-050. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Findings and Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to adopt the Findings and Conclusions in File Nos. 2021-047 and

2021-050. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0. The Findings and Conclusions will be available on our website under Commission Decisions.

3. In the Matter of a Complaint by Morris R. Patton, Bristol
File No. 2022-013
Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: William B. Smith
Legal Investigator: Ronald Perry

This matter is continued.

4. In the Matter of a Referral by Newtown Registrar of Voters
File No. 2022-019
Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: William B. Smith
Legal Investigator: Ronald Perry

This matter is continued.

5. In the Matter of a Complaint by Kevin Coughlin, Branford
File No. 2021-165
Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: James M. Talbert-Slagle
Legal Investigator: Stephanie Fish

This matter is continued.

6. In the Matter of a Complaint by Pauline Moon, Wethersfield
File No. 2021-175
Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: James M. Talbert-Slagle
Legal Investigator: Stephanie Fish

This matter is continued.

7. In the Matter of a Complaint by Daniel Dunn, Hamden
File No. 2021-164
Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: James M. Talbert-Slagle
Legal Investigator: Ronald Perry

This matter is continued.

VIII. Consideration of Matters Discussed in Executive Session

IX. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Piecuch and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 AM. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

The next regular scheduled meeting is June 02, 2022 at 3:30 P.M. via Webex.

Chairman Penny announced that, due to a lack of items, the June 2, 2022 meeting is cancelled. The next regular scheduled meeting will be June 8, 2022 at 3:30 P.M. via Webex.