



# REGULAR TELEPHONIC MEETING via Webex MINUTES

January 5, 2022 10:30 A.M.

## ***I. Call to Order***

Commissioner Penny was present via Webex and called the meeting to order at 10:32 A.M. Commissioners Michael Ajello, Shannon Bergquist, Greg Piecuch and Andrew Cascudo were present via Webex. Agency staff was also present and present via Webex.

## ***II. Approval of the Minutes***

*Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of December 15, 2021*

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of December 15, 2021. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

## ***III. Administrative Reports***

Administrative reports were waived and not provided.

## ***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

This executive session was not convened.

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

1. "Hubert Delany for State Representative," Hubert Delany

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to approve the grant application for "Hubert Delany for State Representative," Hubert Delany. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

2. “Danny for CT,” Danny Melchionne

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to approve the grant application for “Danny for CT,” Danny Melchionne. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

**VI. Consideration of Hearing Officer’s Reports**

*A. Public Session*

1. In the Matter of a Referral by the Campaign Audit & Disclosure Unit  
File No. 2021-039  
Proposed Final Decision  
Hearing Officer: Michael J. Ajello  
Respondent: Robert Farrington  
Prosecutor: Ryan M. Burns

Hearing Officer Ajello summarized the above referenced report in File No. 2021-039. He recommended adoption of the Final Decision.

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Piccuch to adopt the Final Decision in 2021-039. So voted by a vote 5-0-0. The Final Decision is available on our website under Commission Decisions.

2. In the Matter of a Referral by the Campaign Audit & Disclosure Unit  
File No. 2021-023 & 2021-037  
Proposed Final Decision  
Hearing Officer: Michael J. Ajello  
Respondent: Alan Shaw  
Prosecutor: Ryan M. Burns

Hearing Officer Ajello summarized the above referenced report in File No. 2021-023 & 2021-037. He recommended adoption of the Final Decision.

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Piccuch to adopt the Final Decision in 2021-023 & 2021-037. So voted by a vote 5-0-0. The Final Decision is 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 Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist at 10:45 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 5-0-0.

Commissioners Stephen Penny, Michael Ajello, Shannon Bergquist, Greg Picuch and Andrew Cascudo were present via Webex. Staff members present via Webex were Michael J. Brandi, James Talbert-Slagle, Ryan M. Burns, Kevin Ahern, William B. Smith, Joshua Foley, Lindsey Leung, Stephanie Fish, Ronald Perry, Scott Branfuhr, Salman Munir, Paul Brady, Douglas Frost, Geetha Natarajan, Stephen Palmer, Linda Waterman, Shannon Kief, and Sheri-Lyn Lagueux.

The Commission returned to public session at 10:51 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 January 5, 2022 and requested that eight (8) matters be moved to investigate.

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to make a determination that it is necessary to investigate violations relating to eight (8) complaints File Nos. 2021-205, 2021-206, 2021-207, 2021-208, 2021-209, 2021-211, 2021-212 and 2021-213. So approved by the Commission, 5-0-0. So voted.

**VIII. *Executive Session per General Statutes §§ 1-231 and 1-200(6)(A) and 1-210(b)(2) (Discussion of Personnel Matters)***

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist at 10:53 A.M. to proceed into Executive Session pursuant to General Statutes §§ 1-231 and 1-200(6)(A) and 1-210(b)(2) to discuss agency personnel matter(s). So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

Commissioners Stephen Penny, Michael Ajello, Shannon Bergquist, Greg Picuch and Andrew Cascudo were present via Webex. Staff members were not present via Webex.

The Commission returned to public session at 1:56 P.M.

Returning to public session the Commission took the following action:

1. Consideration of Personnel Matter


No action was taken.

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


**X. Adjournment**

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist at 11:57 A.M. to adjourn the meeting. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0. Unless otherwise noted, all votes of the Commission are unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sheri-Lyn Laguëux  
Clerk of the Commission

Adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022 at Hartford, Connecticut.

  
Stephen T. Penny  
By Order of the Commission

***The next regular scheduled meeting is January 19, 2022 at 9:30 A.M. via WebEx.***