



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

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STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR TELEPHONIC MEETING  
Via Webex  
July 20, 2022  
9:30 A.M.

**I. Call to Order**

Commissioner Penny was present via Webex and called the meeting to order at 9:32 A.M. Commissioners Michael Ajello, Shannon Bergquist, and Greg Picuch 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 July 06, 2022*

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of July 06, 2022. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

2. *Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of July 13, 2022*

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of July 13, 2022. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

**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

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist at 9:35 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 committee validation memoranda with respect to pending grant applications and exempt records.. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

The Commission returned to public session at 9:42 A.M.

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

A. *Primary Grant Applications*

1. *"KDW for Treasurer," Karen Dubois-Walton*

It was moved by Commissioner Piecuch and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to approve the grant application for *"KDW for Treasurer," Karen Dubois-Walton*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

2. *"Terrie Wood for CT," Terrie Wood*

It was moved by Commissioner Piecuch and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to approve the grant application for *"Terrie Wood for CT," Terrie Wood*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

3. *"MaritzaBondforCT," Maritza Bond*

It was moved by Commissioner Piecuch and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to continue without prejudice the grant application for *"MaritzaBondforCT," Maritza Bond*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

4. *"Weber For CT," Brock L. Weber*

*This item was marked off.*

5. *"Joe For 116," Joseph Miller*

It was moved by Commissioner Piecuch and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to approve the grant application for *"Joe For 116," Joseph Miller*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

6. *"John Olin for the 34<sup>th</sup>," John Olin*

It was moved by Commissioner Piecuch and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to approve the grant application for *"John Olin for the 34<sup>th</sup>," John Olin*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

7. *"Jan Hochadel for Senate," Jan Hochadel*

It was moved by Commissioner Piecuch and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to approve the grant application for *"Jan Hochadel for Senate," Jan Hochadel*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

**B. New Applications**

1. "Doucette 2022," Jason Doucette
2. "Elect Dauphinais," Anne Dauphinais
3. "Robert Bell for Norwich," Robert Bell
4. "Somers for Senate," Heather Somers
5. "RiversForCT48," Christopher Rivers
6. "Friends of Dorinda," Dorinda Borer
7. "Re-Elect Zullo 2022," Joseph Zullo
8. "Smith for the 118<sup>th</sup>," Frank Smith
9. "CGreen4Senate," Christopher Green
10. "Foster for 57," Jamie Foster
11. "PC 108," Patrick Callahan
12. "Trevor Crow 2022," Trevor Crow
13. "Walker 2022," Toni Walker
14. "Fazio for CT," Ryan Fazio
15. "Jeff for Naugatuck," Jeffrey Litke

Commissioner Penny stated that the new applications listed above will be considered at the July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 commission meeting.

**VI. Pending Complaints and Investigations**

*A. Public Session*

1. In the Matter of a Complaint by Thomas L. Brown, Danbury  
File No. 2021-121  
Recommendation of Counsel  
Attorney: James M. Talbert-Slagle  
Legal Investigator: Scott Branfuhr

Attorney James M. Talbert-Slagle summarized the above referenced complaint and Proposed Consent Order and Agreement in File No. 2021-121. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Consent Order and Agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Piecuch and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to adopt the Consent Order and Agreement in File No. 2021-121, pending receipt within 10 days. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

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

Attorney James M. Talbert-Slagle summarized the above referenced complaint and Proposed Consent Order and Agreement in File No. 2021-164. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Consent Order and Agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Piecuch and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to adopt the Consent Order and Agreement in File No. 2021-164, pending receipt within 10 days. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

**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 Piecuch and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist at 9:51 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 4-0-0.

Commissioners Penny, Ajello, Bergquist, and Piecuch were present via Webex. Staff members present via Webex were: Michael J. Brandi, Salman Munir, Sheri-Lyn Lagueux, Shannon Clark Kief, Linda Waterman, Geetha Natarajan, William Smith, James Talbert-Slagle, Kevin M. Ahern, Alyssa Torres, Lindsey Leung, Joshua Foley, Scott Branfuhr, Stephanie Fish, Ronald Perry, and Stephen Palmer.

The Commission returned to public session at 10:02 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 July 20, 2022 and requested that one (1) matter be moved to investigate.

It was moved by Commissioner Piecuch and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to make a determination that it is necessary to investigate violations relating to one (1) complaint File No. 2022-033. So approved by the Commission, 4-0-0. So voted.

2. In the Matter of a Referral by Plainville Registrar of Voters  
File No. 2020-081  
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 No. 2020-081. 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 No. 2020-081. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0. The Findings and Conclusions will be available on our website under Commission Decisions.

3. In the Matter of a Complaint by Julianne Ingham, Thomaston  
File No. 2021-120  
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 No. 2021-120. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Findings and Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to adopt the Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2021-120. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0. The Findings and Conclusions will be available on our website under Commission Decisions.

#### ***VIII. Consideration of Matters Discussed in Executive Session***

#### ***IX. Adjournment***

It was moved by Commissioner Picuch and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist at 10:09 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 by,



Sheri-Lyn Lagueux  
Clerk of the State Elections Enforcement Commission

**August 3, 2022**

Date approved

(By the State Elections Enforcement Commission)

***The next regular scheduled meeting is July 22, 2022 at 3:30 P.M. via Webex.***