



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

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MINUTES  
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR TELEPHONIC MEETING  
Via Webex  
October 19, 2022  
9:30 A.M.

**I. Call to Order**

Commissioner Penny was present via Webex and called the meeting to order at 9:31 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 October 05, 2022*

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of October 05, 2022. So voted by a vote of 3-0-1.

*2. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 07, 2022*

Chairman Penny offered the following amendment to the minutes as presented: In section II, item 1, add the following in front of the motion that was passed: "Exercising its jurisdiction with respect to campaign finance legislation only, the following motion was moved:".

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of October 07, 2022 as amended. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

*3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 13, 2022*

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

**III. Administrative Reports**

*There were no administrative reports at this time.*

**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)**

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*Affirmative Action / Equal Opportunity Employer*

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. "Reelect Baker 2022," Andre Baker

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Reelect Baker 2022," Andre Baker. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

**VI. Pending Complaints and Investigations**

*A. Public Session*

1. In the Matter of a Complaint by Mildred Torres-Ferguson, Meriden  
File No. 2021-188  
Recommendation of Counsel  
Attorney: James M. Talbert-Slagle  
Legal Investigator: Ronald Perry

Attorney James M. Talbert-Slagle summarized the above referenced complaint and Proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2021-188. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Findings and Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to adopt the Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2021-188. 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 Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist at 09:37 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, Sheri-Lyn Lagueur,

Shannon Clark Kief, Geetha Natarajan, Salman Munir, William Smith, James Talbert-Slagle, Lindsay Leung, Joshua Foley, Stephanie Fish, Ronald Perry, Lisa Drew, Paul Brady, Renata Rydzewski, Aaron Charney, Patricia Mwilwa, and Stephen Palmer.

The Commission returned to public session at 09:46 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 William B. Smith summarized the Recommendation of Counsel dated October 19, 2022 and requested that two (2) 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 two (2) complaint Files No. 2022-049 and 2022-050 So approved by the Commission, 4-0-0. So voted.

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


***IX. Adjournment***

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist at 09:51 A.M. to adjourn the meeting. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0. Unless otherwise noted, all votes of the Commission are unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sheri-Lyn Lagueux  
Clerk of the Commission

Adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2022 at Hartford, Connecticut.

  
Stephen T. Penny  
By Order of the Commission

***The next regular scheduled meeting is October 20, 2022 at 3:30 P.M. via Webex.***