



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

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MINUTES  
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR TELEPHONIC MEETING  
Via Webex  
August 31, 2022  
3:30 P.M.

**I. Call to Order**

Commissioner Penny was present via Webex and called the meeting to order at 3:31 P.M. Commissioners Michael Ajello, Shannon Bergquist and Greg Piecuch were present via Webex. Agency staff was also present and present via Webex

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to remove from the agenda # 6 in section III. B. the grant application for “*Demicco 2022,*” *Michael Demicco* as it is a duplicate entry and to add to the agenda # 6 in section III. B. the grant application for “*Foster for 57,*” *Jaime Foster*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

**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)**

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello at 3:34 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 by a vote of 4-0-0.

Commissioners Stephen Penny, Michael Ajello, Shannon Bergquist and Greg Piecuch were present via Webex. Staff members present via Webex were Michael J. Brandi, Kevin Ahern, William B. Smith, Joshua Foley, Lisa Drew, Salman Munir, Paul Brady and Sheri-Lyn Lagueux.

The Commission returned to public session at 3:44 P.M.

Returning to public session the Commission took the following action:

1. Recommendation of Counsel: Discussion of Candidate Committee Validation Memoranda
2. 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 August 31, 2022 and requested that one (1) matter be moved to investigate.

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to make a determination that it is necessary to investigate violations relating to one (1) complaint File No. 2022-037. So approved by the Commission 4-0-0. So voted.

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

#### ***A. New Applications***

1. *"Desmarais 2022," Jeffrey Desmarais*

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

2. *"Demicco 2022," Michael Demicco*

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for "*Demicco 2022," Michael Demicco*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

3. *"2022 DAC House 114," Daniel Cowan*

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for "*2022 DAC House 114," Daniel Cowan*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

4. *"Committee to Elect Alphonse Paolillo," Alphonse Paolillo*

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for "*Committee to Elect Alphonse Paolillo," Alphonse Paolillo*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

5. *"DiNardo for State Rep," Richard DiNardo*

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for "*DiNardo for State Rep," Richard DiNardo*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

6. *“Elect Rick Hayes,” Rick Hayes*

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Elect Rick Hayes,” Rick Hayes*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

7. *“Buckbee 2022,” William Buckbee*

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Buckbee 2022,” William Buckbee*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

8. *“Jill Barry 2022,” Jill Barry*

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Jill Barry 2022,” Jill Barry*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

9. *“Elect Susan Johnson,” Susan Johnson*

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *“Elect Susan Johnson,” Susan Johnson*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

10. *“Elect Jim Irwin,” Jim Irwin*

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *“Elect Jim Irwin,” Jim Irwin*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

11. *“Aaron Haley for State Rep 2022,” Aaron Haley*

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *“Aaron Haley for State Rep 2022,” Aaron Haley*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

12. *“Phoebe for CT,” Phoebe Holmes*

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to continue without prejudice the grant application for *“Phoebe for CT,” Phoebe Holmes*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

13. *“Nicole Hampton for State Representative,” Nicole Hampton*

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *“Nicole Hampton for State Representative,” Nicole Hampton*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

14. *“Elect Dave Randall,” David Randall*

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *“Elect Dave Randall,” David Randall*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

15. *“Dan Fox 2022,” Daniel Fox*

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *“Dan Fox 2022,” Daniel Fox*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

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

1. *“Farmer 2022,” Sharon Farmer*

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *“Farmer 2022,” Sharon Farmer*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

2. *“Citizens for Mushinsky,” Mary Mushinsky*

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *“Citizens for Mushinsky,” Mary Mushinsky*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

3. *“Pizzuto 22,” William Pizzuto*

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *“Pizzuto 22,” William Pizzuto*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

4. *“Veach 2022,” Donna Veach*

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *“Veach 2022,” Donna Veach*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

5. *“Re-Elect Zullo 2022,” Joseph Zullo*

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *“Re-Elect Zullo 2022,” Joseph Zullo*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

6. *“Foster for 57,” Jaime Foster*

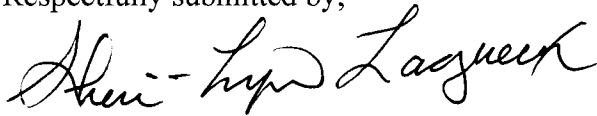
It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for *“Foster for 57,” Jaime Foster*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

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

**V. *Adjournment***

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello at 4:00 P.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 by,



Sheri-Lyn Lagueur  
Clerk of the State Elections Enforcement Commission

**September 7, 2022**

Date approved

(By the State Elections Enforcement Commission)

***The next regular scheduled meeting is September 7, 2022 at 9:30 A.M. via Webex.***