



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

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REGULAR TELEPHONIC MEETING

Via Webex
July 18, 2024
3:30 P.M.

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Penny was present via Webex and called the meeting to order at 3:32 P.M. Commissioners Ajello, Bergquist, Asare and Piecuch were present via Webex. Agency staff was also present via Webex.

Commissioner Penny made a motion to add to the Agenda to Section III.B. Continuation of Prior Applications to Section B as follows:

1. “Shellye Davis for Senate,” Shellye Davis
2. “Friends of Travis Simms,” Travis Simms
3. “Re-Elect Gaston 2024,” Herron Keyon Gaston

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to add the three grant applications to the agenda. 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 Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch at 3:35 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 5-0-0.

Commissioners Penny, Ajello, Bergquist, Asare, and Piecuch were present via Webex. Staff members present via Webex were Michael J. Brandi, Executive Director & General Counsel, Shannon Kief, Legal Program Director, Salman Munir, Director of Audit & Disclosure, Aaron Charney, Patricia Mwilwa, Maryam Bitar, Melissa Moore-Ward, Stephen Palmer, Victoria R. Hively, Sheri-Lyn Lagueux and Renata Rydzewski.

The Commission returned to public session at 3:51 P.M.

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

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

No action was taken

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

A. New Applications

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

No applications were considered.

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

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

1. *"Shellye Davis for Senate," Shellye Davis*

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Shellye Davis for Senate," Shellye Davis*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

2. *"Friends of Travis Simms," Travis Simms*

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Friends of Travis Simms," Travis Simms*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

3. *"Re-Elect Gaston 2024," Herron Keyon Gaston*

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Re-Elect Gaston 2024," Herron Keyon Gaston*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

IV. Consideration of Matters Discussed in Executive Session

V. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch at 3:55 P.M. to adjourn the meeting. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

The next regular scheduled meeting is July 24, 2024 at 3:30 P.M.