



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

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MINUTES  
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR TELEPHONIC MEETING

Via Webex  
May 30, 2024  
3:30 P.M.

**I. Call to Order**

Commissioner Penny was present via Webex and called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M. Commissioners Bergquist, Asare, and Picuch were present via Webex. Agency staff was also present and present via Webex.

**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 Asare and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist at 3:33 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 Penny, Bergquist, Asare, and Picuch were present via Webex. Staff members present via Webex were: Michael Brandi, Executive Director & General Counsel, Sheri-Lyn Lagueux, Shannon Clark Kief, Legal Program Director, Salman Munir, Director of Audit & Disclosure, Krysta Palozie, Johnny Ross III, Patricia Mwilwa, Stephen Palmer, Renata Rydzewski, and Maryam Bitar.

The Commission returned to public session at 3:41 P.M.

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

No action was taken.

2. In the Matter of a Complaint by Shafiq Abdus-Sabur, New Haven  
File No. 2023-043  
Recommendation of Counsel

Attorney:

Legal Investigator:

Johnny Ross, III

Stephanie Fish

Attorney Johnny Ross, III summarized the above referenced complaint in File No. 2023-043. He recommended issuance of two subpoenas with the following motion:

Pursuant to General Statutes § 9-7b and § 9-7b-28 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, a motion to authorize the issuance of a subpoena to Registrar of Voters Shannel Evans, 200 Orange Street, Room 201, New Haven, CT 06510, and to Michael Smart, 200 Orange Street, Room 202, New Haven, CT 06510, to appear at the Commission's office to answer questions regarding the investigation of Commission File No. 2023-043, which is the subject of the above referenced Complaint and under review by the Commission.

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to approve the issuance of the two subpoenas in File No. 2023-043. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

**III. Consideration of Application for Public Grants from the Citizens' Election Fund**  
**A. New Applications**

1. *"Eric Berthel for Senate," Eric Berthel*

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

2. *"Jason Buchsbaum 2024," Jason Buchsbaum*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to approve the grant application for *"Jason Buchsbaum 2024," Jason Buchsbaum*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

3. *"Potter 2024," Justin Potter*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to approve the grant application for *"Potter 2024," Justin Potter*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

4. *"Cheeseman for the 37<sup>th</sup>," Holly Cheeseman*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to approve the grant application for *"Cheeseman for the 37<sup>th</sup>," Holly Cheeseman*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

5. *"Friends of Cathy Osten," Cathy Osten*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to approve the grant application for *"Friends of Cathy Osten," Cathy Osten*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

6. *"KEITT FOR CT 2024," Sarah Keitt*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to approve the grant application for *"KEITT FOR CT 2024," Sarah Keitt*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

7. *"Polletta for Rep" Joe Polletta*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to approve the grant application for *"Polletta for Rep" Joe Polletta*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

8. *"Jeff Gordon for State Senate," Jeffrey Gordon*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to continue without prejudice the grant application for *"Jeff Gordon for State Senate," Jeffrey Gordon*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

9. *"Lucy 2024," Lucia "Lucy" Dathan*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to approve the grant application for *"Lucy 2024," Lucia "Lucy" Dathan*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

10. *"Renee for State Rep," Renee LaPalme-Waldron*

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

11. *"Rep Anne Hughes 2024," Anne Hughes*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to approve the grant application for *"Rep Anne Hughes 2024," Anne Hughes*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

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

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

***V. Adjournment***

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist at 3:56 P.M. to adjourn the meeting. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by,



Sheri-Lyn Lagueux  
Clerk of the State Elections Enforcement Commission

**June 26, 2024**

Date approved

(By the State Elections Enforcement Commission)