



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES
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REGULAR TELEPHONIC MEETING

Via Webex

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WebEx Call-In Number: 1-401-418-9388

October 16, 2024

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 Sonia Asare and Michael Ajello were present via Webex. Agency staff was also present and present via Webex.

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

5. *"Duigou4CT33rd," Jeffrey J. Duigou*

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Asare to add the above applications. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

II. Approval of the Minutes

1. *Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 2, 2024*

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Asare to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of October 2, 2024. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

2. *Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 9, 2024*

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Asare to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of October 9, 2024. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

III. Administrative Reports

No reports provided.

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)

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Asare at 9:34 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 3-0-0.

Commissioners Penny, Ajello and Asare were present via Webex. Staff members present via Webex were: Legal Program Director Shannon Clark Kief, Director of Disclosure and Audit Salman Munir, Staff Attorneys William Smith, Johnny Ross, III, Joshua Foley, Patricia Mwilwa, Aaron Charney, Maryam Bitar, Scott Branfuhr, Stephanie Fish, Ronald Perry, Election Officers Ashley Socquet, Evelyn Dillon, Melissa Moore-Ward, Information Technology Analyst Renata Rydzewski, and Commission Clerks Sheri-Lyn Lagueux and Stephen Palmer.

The Commission returned to public session at 9:40 A.M.

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

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

No action taken.

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

A. New Applications

1. *"Acri 2024," Anthony Acri*

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Asare to approve the grant application for *"Acri 2024," Anthony Acri*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

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

1. *"Orosco 2024," Steven Orosco*

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Asare to approve the grant application for *"Orosco 2024," Steven Orosco*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

2. *"Re-Elect Trenee' McGee," Trenee McGee*

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Asare to approve the grant application for *"Re-Elect Trenee' McGee," Trenee McGee*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

3. *"Cabrera for SD 17," Jorge Cabrera*

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Asare to approve the grant application for *"Cabrera for SD 17," Jorge Cabrera*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

4. *"Matt4CT," Matt Siracusa*

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Asare to approve the grant application for *"Matt4CT," Matt Siracusa*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

5. *"Duigou4CT33rd," Jeffrey J. Duigou*

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Asare to approve the grant application for *"Duigou4CT33rd," Jeffrey J. Duigou*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

VI. Pending Complaints and Investigations

A. Public Session

N/A

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 Asare at 9:46 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 3-0-0.

Commissioners Penny, Ajello and Asare were present via Webex. Staff members present via Webex were: Executive Director & General Counsel Michael J. Brandi, Legal Program Director Shannon Clark Kief, Director of Disclosure and Audit Salman Munir, Staff Attorneys William Smith, Johnny Ross, III, Joshua Foley, Patricia Mwilwa, Aaron Charney, Maryam Bitar, Scott Branfuhr, Stephanie Fish, Ronald Perry, Election Officers Ashley Socquet, Evelyn Dillon, Melissa Moore-

Ward, Information Technology Analyst Renata Rydzewski, and Commission Clerks Sheri-Lyn Lagueux and Stephen Palmer.

The Commission returned to public session at 10:04 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 11, 2024 and requested that five (5) matters be moved to investigate.

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Asare to make a determination that it is necessary to investigate violations relating to five (5) complaints, File No. 2024-093, 2024-094, 2024-095, 2024-096 and File No. 2024-097. So approved by the Commission, 3-0-0. So voted.

Attorney William B. Smith requested that the Commission make a determination that it is necessary to investigate an investigation into the following committees: *In the Matter of a Commission Initiated Investigation of "Matt4CT."*

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Asare to make a determination that it is necessary to investigate an investigation into the following committees: *In the Matter of a Commission Initiated Investigation of "Matt4CT."* So approved by the Commission, 3-0-0. So voted.

2. In the Matter of a Complaint by Richard Balboni, South Windsor
File No. 2023-098

Recommendation of Counsel

Attorney:

William B. Smith

Legal Investigator:

Sheri-Lyn Lagueux

The matter is continued.

3. In re: Referral by Christine Gallagher, East Granby
File No. 2023-106

Recommendation of Counsel

Attorney:

William B. Smith

Legal Investigator:

Sheri-Lyn Lagueux

The matter is continued.

4. In the Matter of a Complaint by Michael S. Malloy, East Granby
File No. 2023-109
Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: William B. Smith
Legal Investigator: Sheri-Lyn Lagueux

The matter is continued.

5. In the Matter of a Complaint by Darrell P. Stancuna, Wallingford
File No. 2023-046
Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: Johnny Ross, III
Legal Investigator: Stephanie Fish

The matter is continued.

6. In the Matter of a Referral by Democratic Registrar, Southington
File No. 2023-077
Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: Johnny Ross, III
Legal Investigator:

Attorney Johnny Ross, III summarized the above referenced complaint and Proposed Withdrawal in File No. 2023-077. He recommended to withdraw and administratively close the matter.

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Asare to administratively close File No. 2023-077. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0. The case closure will be available on our website under Commission Decisions.

7. In the Matter of a Complaint by Sharlene A. McEvoy, Derby
File No. 2023-091
Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: Johnny Ross, III
Legal Investigator: Stephanie Fish

Attorney Johnny Ross, III summarized the above referenced complaint and Proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2023-091. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Findings & Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Asare to adopt the Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2023-091. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

VIII. Consideration of Matters Discussed in Executive Session

IX. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Asare at 10:15 A.M. to adjourn the meeting. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0. Unless otherwise noted, all votes of the Commission are unanimous.


Sheri-Lyn Lagueux
Clerk of the State Elections Enforcement Commission

October 23, 2024

Date approved

(By the State Elections Enforcement Commission)