



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES

**STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR TELEPHONIC MEETING**

Via Webex

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December 3, 2025

9:30 A.M.

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Penny was present via Webex and called the meeting to order at 9:32 A.M. Commissioners Michael Ajello, Shannon Bergquist and Greg Piecuch were present via Webex. Agency staff was also present via Webex.

II. Approval of the Minutes

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of November 19, 2025

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of November 19, 2025. So voted by a vote of 3-0-1 with Commissioner Piecuch abstaining.

III. Administrative Reports

1. Report of SEEC Staff

No reports were provided.

IV. Pending Complaints, Investigations and Audits

A. Public Session

1. In the Matter of a Referral by an Elections Officer

File Nos. 2024-140; 2024-145; 2024-147; 2024-157; 2025-015; 2025-028 & 2025-041

State's Response to Hearing Officer Report

Hearing Officer:

Respondent:

Prosecutor:

Greg Piecuch

Anthony S. Duprau

Johnny Ross, III

Attorney Johnny Ross, III presented his response to the hearing office report. He agrees with the report and raises 2 points. 1) The commission does have the ability impose to impose civil penalties and 2) the Commission can decide that if

the chairman does not appoint a new treasurer within 10 days, all political activities of the committee can be suspended.

No action was taken.

2. In the Matter of a Referral by an Elections Officer
File Nos. 2024-140; 2024-145; 2024-147; 2024-157; 2025-015; 2025-028 & 2025-041
Proposed Final Decision – Hearing Officer Report
Hearing Officer: Greg Piecuch
Respondent: Anthony S. Duprau
Prosecutor: Johnny Ross, III

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to adopt the Proposed Final Decision in File Nos. 2024-140; 2024-145; 2024-147; 2024-157; 2025-015; 2025-028 & 2025-041. So voted by a vote of 3-0-1 with Commissioner Piecuch abstaining.

3. *In the Matter of a Referral by the Audit Unit of the SEEC, "Porter 2020"*
File No. 2023-078C
Notice of Case Closure
Attorney: William B. Smith
Legal Investigator: Sheri-Lyn Lagueux

Attorney William B. Smith summarized the above referenced complaint and Proposed Notice of Case Closure in File No. 2023-078C. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Notice of Case Closure.

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to adopt the Notice of Case Closure in File No. 2023-078C. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

4. Audit Reports

2022

1. "*Luis Estrella for State Rep,*" Luis Estrella
Accounts Examiner: Rhonda Salvatore

2024

2. "*Biggins 2024,*" Patrick R. Biggins
Accounts Examiner: Ergys Guni
3. "*Aundre 2024,*" Aundre P. Bumgardner
Accounts Examiner: Kyla Huband

4. *“Committee to elect Newton State Senator 23rd Sen. Dist.,” Ernest E. Newton, III*
Accounts Examiner: Ergys Guni

Director of Disclosure and Audit Salman Munir provided an overview of the draft audit reports and recommended that the Commission make final items numbers 1 thru 4. It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

V. *Executive Session per General Statutes §§ 1-200(6)(B),(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 10:02 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: Legal Compliance Director Shannon Clark Kief, Legal Enforcement Director William B. Smith, Director of Disclosure and Audit Salman Munir, Staff Attorneys, Zak Jazlowiecki; Johnny Ross, III, Mario Borelli, Joshua Foley, Aaron Charney, Patricia Mwilwa, Maryam Bitar, Legal Investigators Scott Branfuhr, Stephanie Fish, Ron Perry, Information Technology Manager Irene Jeremic, Information Technology Analyst Jonathan Ortiz, and Commission Clerks Sheri-Lyn Lagueux; Stephen Palmer and Cynthia Ortiz.

VI. *Consideration of Matters Discussed in the above Executive Session*

At 10:28 AM, the Commissioners came out of Executive Session and noted that no matters were decided and no vote was taken during Executive Session. The commissioners then considered the following matters discussed in the Executive Session:

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 November 26, 2025 and requested that ten (10) matters 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 ten (10) complaints, File No. 2025-111; 2025-112; 2025-113; 2025-114; 2025-115; 2025-116; 2025-117; 2025-118; 2025-119 and File No. 2025-125. So approved by the Commission 4-0-0. So voted.

2. In the Matter of a Referral by the Registrar of Voters, Newtown

File No. 2024-040

Recommendation of Counsel

Attorney:

Zak Jazlowiecki

Legal Investigator:

Stephanie Fish

The matter is continued.

3. In the Matter of a Referral by the Town Clerk, Chester

In the Matter of a Complaint by Susan M. Wright, Chester

File Nos. 2025-075 & 2025-084

Recommendation of Counsel

Attorneys:

Johnny Ross, III and

Zak Jazlowiecki

The matter is continued.

4. In the Matter of a Referral by the Town Clerk, Chester

File No. 2025-084

Recommendation of Counsel

Attorneys:

Johnny Ross, III and

Zak Jazlowiecki

Attorney's Johnny Ross, III summarized the above referenced complaint and Proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2025-084. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Findings & Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to adopt the Proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2025-084. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

5. In the Matter of a Complaint by the Secretary of the State, Hartford

File No. 2024-108

Recommendation of Counsel

Attorney:

Johnny Ross, III

Legal Investigator:

Scott Branfuhr

Attorney Johnny Ross, III summarized the above referenced complaint and Proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2024-108. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Findings & Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to adopt the Proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2024-108. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

6. *In the Matter of a Referral by the Audit Unit of the SEEC “Kate 2020”*

File No. 2023-079L

Recommendation of Counsel

Attorney:

Legal Investigator:

Mario Borelli

Sheri-Lyn Lagueux

The matter is continued.

7. *In the Matter of a Complaint by Joshua Kelly, Waterford*

File No. 2025-105

Recommendation of Counsel

Attorney:

Legal Investigator:

Mario Borelli

Sheri-Lyn Lagueux

The matter is continued.

VII. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Bergquist and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 A.M. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0. Unless otherwise noted, all votes of the Commission are unanimous.



Sheri-Lyn Lagueux

Clerk of the State Elections Enforcement Commission

December 17, 2025

Date approved

(By the State Elections Enforcement Commission)