



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES
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REGULAR MEETING
June 17, 2026
9:30 A.M.

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Penny was present via Teams and called the meeting to order at 9:31 A.M. Commissioners Sonia Worell Asare, Shannon Bergquist and Greg Piecuch were present via Teams. Agency staff were also present and present via Teams.

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to add to the agenda in section VI. B. the grant applications for #2 “*Jim Jinks for CT,*” Jim Jinks and #3 “*Jack Fazzino for CT,*” Jonathan W. Fazzino.

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to move the item in section VIII. 09. Recommendation of Counsel: Disposition of Special Election Audits (2019-2022) to the first executive session of the meeting.

II. Approval of the Minutes

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of May 20, 2026

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of *May 20, 2026*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of June 3, 2026

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of *June 3, 2026 as amended*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of June 10, 2026

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of *June 10, 2026*. So voted by a vote of 3-0-1, with Commissioner Piecuch abstaining.

III. Administrative Reports

1. Report of Executive Director and General Counsel Ryan Burns

Executive Director Burns provided an update that he is attending the Public Campaign Finance Administrator Conference in New Haven today, June 17, and tomorrow, June 18. He stated that he is joined at the conference by several colleagues and is looking forward to sharing information, networking, and continuing to advance the agency's mission.

Executive Director Burns reported that the agency is in the process of closing out its fiscal year. This is a busy period for the fiscal team, and he expressed appreciation for their ongoing efforts. He also provided an overview of the current enforcement docket, which includes:

- 180 total cases
- 34 cases on hold for referrals
- 49 non-filer matters
- 102 active complaints, referrals, and SEEC-initiated matters

Executive Director Burns noted that 52 grants have been awarded to date. An additional 25 or 26 applications are pending for consideration during today's meeting. If approved, the agency will have awarded approximately 25 percent of all expected grants by the end of the day. He also reported that all pending audits related to the General Election have been completed. Later in the meeting, the Commission will receive Counsel's recommendations regarding the Special Election audits, which represent the final remaining audits for the agency.

IV. Executive Session per General Statutes §§ 1-200(6)(B),(E), and 1-210(b)(1), (3),(4),(10) and General Statutes §9-7a (Preliminary draft and agency consideration of enforcement action and exempt records relative thereto)

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch at 9:38 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, Asare, Bergquist and Piecuch were present via Teams. Staff members present via Teams were: Executive Director and General Counsel Ryan Burns, Senior Counsel, Joshua Foley, Legal Program Director Shannon Clark Kief, Director of Campaign Disclosure & Audit Salman Munir, Enforcement Director William Smith, Staff Attorneys Mario Borelli, Johnny Ross, III, Zak Jazlowiecki,

Maryam Bitar, Aaron Charney, Legal Investigators Stephanie Fish, Ronald Perry, Scott Branfuhr, Information Technology Manager Irene Jeremic, Information Technology Analyst Nathan Diaz-Rolon, and Commission Clerks Sheri-Lyn Lagueux, Stephen Palmer and Cynthia Ortiz.

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

At 9:48 A.M., 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 Executive Session.

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

No action was taken.

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

A. *New Applications*

1. "*Carmody 2026*," Samuel L. Carmody

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for "*Carmody 2026*," Samuel L. Carmody. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

2. "*Doucette 2026*," Jason Doucette

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for "*Doucette 2026*," Jason Doucette. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

3. "*Friends of Bob Duff*," Bob Duff

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

4. "*Paul Honig for State Senate*," Paul Honig

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for "*Paul Honig for State Senate*," Paul Honig. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

5. *"Maria Horn for 64,"* Maria P. Horn

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Maria Horn for 64,"* Maria P. Horn. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

6. *"SteveMeskers2026,"* Steve Meskers

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"SteveMeskers2026,"* Steve Meskers. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

7. *"Kara for Ansonia & Derby 2026,"* Kara Rochelle

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Kara for Ansonia & Derby 2026,"* Kara Rochelle. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

8. *"Friends of Kerry,"* Kerry S. Wood

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Friend of Kerry,"* Kerry S. Wood. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

9. *"Bronko for Naugatuck,"* Seth Bronko

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Bronko for Naugatuck,"* Seth Bronko. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

10. *"Campaign for Jane,"* Jane Wisialowski

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Campaign for Jane,"* Jane Wisialowski. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

11. *"Citizens for Lower Costs,"* Marcus Palumbo

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Citizens for Lower Costs,"* Marcus Palumbo. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

12. *"Marx for Senate,"* Martha Marx

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

13. "*McGorty 2026*," Ben McGorty

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for "*McGorty 2026*," Ben McGorty. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

14. "*Menapace For CT 2026*," Nick Menapace

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for "*Menapace For CT 2026*," Nick Menapace. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

15. "*OO For CT 2026*," Olaleye Onikuyide

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for "*OO For CT 2026*," Olaleye Onikuyide. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

16. "*Carpino 2026*," Christie Carpino

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for "*Carpino 2026*," Christie Carpino. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

17. "*Team Turco*," Gary Turco

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for "*Team Turco*," Gary Turco. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

18. "*Joe Lauretti for State Rep*," Joe Lauretti

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to Approve the grant application for "*Joe Lauretti for State Rep*," Joe Lauretti. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to initiate an investigation pursuant to General Statutes § 9-7b (a) into possible violations regarding, but not limited to, General Statutes § 9-622 (7) and (10), and the requirements of Chapter 157, General Statutes surrounding the conflicting information contained in the contributor certification information submitted on behalf of "*Joe Lauretti for State Rep 2026*" in its grant application to participate in the Citizens' Election Program. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

19. *"Electhector26.com,"* Hector Arzeno

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Electhector26.com,"* Hector Arzeno. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

20. *"Jeff Gordon for State Rep,"* Jeffrey Gordon

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Jeff Gordon for State Rep,"* Jeffrey Gordon. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

21. *"Lettieri for State Rep,"* Cinzia Lettieri

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

22. *"Elect Dauphinais,"* Anne Dauphinais

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Elect Dauphinais,"* Anne Dauphinais. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

23. *"Kate for CT,"* Kate Farrar

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Kate for CT,"* Kate Farrar. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

24. *"Jensen26,"* Arnold Jensen

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to continue without prejudice the grant application for *"Jensen26,"* Arnold Jensen. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

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

1. *"Ayana Taylor for State Senate 2026,"* Ayana Taylor

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Ayana Taylor for State Senate 2026,"* Ayana Taylor. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

2. *“Jim Jinks for CT,”* Jim Jinks

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Picuch to approve the grant application for *“Jim Jinks for CT,”* Jim Jinks. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

3. *“Jack Fazzino for CT,”* Jonathan W. Fazzino

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Picuch to approve the grant application for *“Jack Fazzino for CT,”* Jonathan W. Fazzino. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

Recommendation of Counsel: Disposition of Special Election Audits (2019-2022)

1. Recommendation of Counsel: Disposition of Special Election Audits (2019-2022)
Administrative Closure Special Election Audits
Attorney: Joshua Foley

Attorney Joshua Foley provided an update regarding the Special Election Audits from 2019-2022. A motion was made by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Picuch, to close administratively due to the passage of time, 17 special election audits from 2019 to 2022 for the following committees: *Balter for East Haven, Exum 2019, Felipe 2019, Josh 4 BPT, Kate Rivera for Bridgeport, Wadsworth for State Senate, Farnen for Fairfield, Jennifer Leeper 2020, Nick for CT 2021, Tony Scott for State Rep, Corey Paris for CT, JD for State Representative, Alexis Gevanter for State Senate, Fazio for CT, John Blankley for State Senate, Hubert Delany for State Representative and Danny for CT.* So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

Pending Complaints and Investigations

A. Public Session

1. In the Matter of a Referral by the Audit and Disclosure Unit of the SEEC,
Hartford
File No. 2025-060A
Proposed Consent Order & Agreement
Respondent: Patrick Leigh
Attorney: William B. Smith
Legal Investigator: Sheri-Lyn Lagueux

The matter is continued.

2. In the Matter of a Referral by the Secretary of the State, Hartford
File No. 2025-135
Proposed Consent Order & Agreement
Respondent: Mary Bowers
Attorney: Mario Borelli
Legal Investigator: Ronald Perry

The matter is continued.

VII. *Executive Session per General Statutes §§ 1-200(6)(B),(E), and 1-210(b)(1), (3),(4),(10) and General Statutes §9-7a*
(Preliminary draft and agency consideration of enforcement action and exempt records relative thereto)

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch at 10:22 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.

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

At 10:42 A.M., 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 Executive Session.

1. Recommendation of Counsel: Necessary to Investigate Determination pursuant to General Statutes §9-7a

Attorney William B. Smith summarized the Recommendation of Counsel dated June 10, 2026 and requested that two (2) matters be moved to be investigated.

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to make a determination that it is necessary to investigate two (2) violations relating to complaints, File Nos. 2026-066 & 2026-068. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

2. In the Matter of a Referral by the Registrar of Voters Patricia Alston, Middletown
In the Matter of a Complaint by Jill Baron, Middletown
File Nos. 2024-052 & 2024-053
Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: William B Smith
Legal Investigator: Sheri-Lyn Lagueux

The matter is continued.

3. In the Matter of a Complaint by William Sayer, Benjamin Shaiken, & Raymond Wishart, Mansfield Center
File No. 2025-062
Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: Johnny Ross, III
Legal Investigator: Stephanie Fish

Attorney Johnny Ross, III summarized the above referenced complaint and Recommendation of Counsel in File No. 2025-062. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Reason to Believe in this matter.

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to adopt the following motion: Pursuant to General Statutes § 9-7b and § 9-7b-35 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, in the matter of File No. 2025-062, Commission moves that: (1) it has probable cause and reason to believe that Respondent William Jenkins violated Connecticut General Statutes §§ 9-606 (a), 9-608, 9-702, 9-703, 9-704, based on a review of the record; (2) the Clerk of the Commission or her designee is authorized to issue a notice of a hearing concerning the alleged violations of the law by Respondent William Jenkins; and (3) a Hearing Officer be appointed to adjudicate this matter. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

4. In the Matter of a Complaint by Robert Melillo, Danbury
File No. 2026-008
Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: Johnny Ross, III
Legal Investigator: Scott Branfuhr

The matter is continued.

5. In the Matter of a Referral by the Secretary of the State, Hartford
File No. 2024-073
Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: Zak Jazlowiecki
Legal Investigator: Scott Branfuhr

The matter is continued.

6. In the Matter of a Complaint by David Hannon, Ansonia
File No. 2025-064
Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: Zak Jazlowiecki
Legal Investigator: Ronald Perry

The matter is continued.

7. In the Matter of a Referral by the Registrar of Voters, Greenwich
File No. 2025-074
Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: Zak Jazlowiecki
Legal Investigator: Scott Branfuhr

The matter is continued.

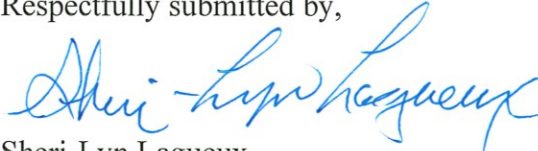
8. In the Matter of a Complaint by Alvin Schwapp, Bloomfield
File No. 2025-089
Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: Zak Jazlowiecki
Legal Investigator: Sheri-Lyn Lagueux

The matter is continued.

IX. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Picuch at 10:46 A.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

July 1, 2026

Date approved

(By the State Elections Enforcement Commission)