



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING

September 10, 2026

3:30 PM

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Ajello was present via Teams and called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M. Commissioners Sonia Worell Asare, Shannon Bergquist Cornelius McCarthy and Greg Picuch were present via Teams. Agency staff were also present and present via Teams.

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Picuch to add to Section B. the following grant applications: The following matters are being added to section B as follows: III.B.12. "Dorais for State Senate," John-Paul Dorais; III.B.13. "James Mol Committee," James Mol; III.B.14. "Ferraro for State Senate," Charles Ferraro; III.B.15. "ElliottHughesforSenate," Elliott Hughes; III.B.16. "ChrisTierinni4CT," Christopher J. Tierinni; III.B.17. "Re Elect Carol Hall 59th," Carol A. Hall and III.B.18 "Walker 2026," Toni E. Walker. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

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. *(Preliminary draft and agency consideration of enforcement action and exempt records relative thereto)*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Picuch at 3:32 PM 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 Ajello, Asare, Bergquist, McCarthy and Picuch were present via Teams. Staff members present via Teams were: Executive Director and General Counsel Ryan Burns, Legal Program Director Shannon Clark Kief, Director of Audit & Disclosure Salman Munir, Staff Attorneys Maryam Bitar, Aaron Charney, Patricia Mwilwa, Elections Officer Kaitlin Flynn, Evelyn Dillon, Information Technology Manager Irene Jeremic, Information Technology Analyst Nathan Diaz-Rolon, and Commission Clerks Stephen Palmer and Sheri-Lyn Lagueux.

III. Consideration of Matters Discussed in the above Executive Session

At 3:49 P.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.

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

A. New Applications

1. *"Jen Tooker for Comptroller," Jennifer S. Tooker*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Jen Tooker for Comptroller," Jennifer S. Tooker*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

2. *"Fred for Connecticut," Fred Wilms*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Fred for Connecticut," Fred Wilms*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

3. *"LEMAR, 2026," Roland Lemar*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"LEMAR, 2026," Roland Lemar*. So voted by a vote of a roll call vote of 4-1-0 with Commissioners Asare, Ajello, Bergquist and McCarthy voting yes and Commissioner Piecuch voting no.

It was moved by Commissioner Piecuch and seconded by Commissioner Asae adopt the following motion: Pursuant to General Statutes § 9-7b (a), the Commission moves, on its own initiative, to initiate an investigation into possible violations of Chapter 155, and the requirements of Chapter 157 of the General Statutes concerning Lemar 2026. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

4. *"Felipe 2026," Antonio D. Felipe*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to continue without prejudice the grant application for *"Felipe 2026," Antonio D. Felipe*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

5. *"Re-Elect Trennee' McGee," Trennee McGee*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to continue without prejudice the grant application for *"Re-Elect Trennee' McGee," Trennee McGee*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

6. *"TIM KNOTTS FOR SENATE," Timothy Knotts*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"TIM KNOTTS FOR SENATE," Timothy Knotts*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

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

1. *"Re-elect Gaston 2026," Herron K. Gaston*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Re-elect Gaston 2026," Herron K. Gaston*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

2. *"Aniskovich for State Rep," Christopher J. Aniskovich*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *Aniskovich for State Rep," Christopher J. Aniskovich*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

3. *"Foster 2026," Jaime S. Foster*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Foster 2026," Jaime S. Foster*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

4. *"Brandon for the 139th," Brandon Sabbag*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Brandon for the 139th," Brandon Sabbag*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

5. *"Elect Jonathan Goldstein 2026," Jonathan C. Goldstein*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Elect Jonathan Goldstein 2026," Jonathan C. Goldstein*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

6. *"Elect Stewart," Chris Stewart*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Elect Stewart," Chris Stewart*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

7. *"Tom O'Dea for State Rep," Thomas P. O'Dea, Jr.*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Tom O'Dea for State Rep," Thomas P. O'Dea, Jr.* So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

8. *"Buckbee 2026," William J. Buckbee*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Buckbee 2026," William J. Buckbee*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

9. *"Gary for Senate," Gary Winfield*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Gary for Senate," Gary Winfield*. So voted by a vote of roll call vote of 4-1-0 with Commissioners Asare, Ajello, Bergquist and McCarthy voting yes and Commissioner Piecuch voting no

It was moved by Commissioner Piecuch and seconded by Commissioner Asare to adopt the following motion: Pursuant to General Statutes § 9-7b (a), the Commission moves, on its own initiative, to initiate an investigation into possible violations of Chapter 155, and the requirements of Chapter 157 of the General Statutes concerning Gary for Senate. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

10. *"Paolillo for Senate," Alphonse J. Paolillo, Jr.*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Paolillo for Senate," Alphonse J. Paolillo, Jr.* So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

11. *"Cunningham for CT," Michelle D. Cunningham*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Cunningham for CT," Michelle D. Cunningham*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

12. *"Dorais for State Senate," John-Paul Dorais*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Dorais for State Senate," John-Paul Dorais*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

13. *"James Mol Committee," James Mol*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"James Mol Committee," James Mol*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

14. *"Ferraro for State Senate," Charles Ferraro*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Ferraro for State Senate," Charles Ferraro*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

15. *"EliottHughesforSenate," Eliott Hughes*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"EliottHughesforSenate," Eliott Hughes*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

16. *"ChrisTierinni4CT," Christopher J. Tierinni*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"ChrisTierinni4CT," Christopher J. Tierinni*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

17. *"Re Elect Carol Hall 59th," Carol A. Hall*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Re Elect Carol Hall 59th," Carol A. Hall*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

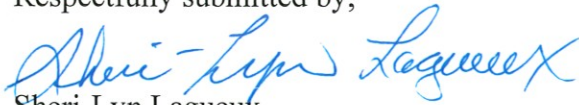
18. *"Walker 2026," Toni E. Walker*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch to approve the grant application for *"Walker 2026," Toni E. Walker*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

V. *Adjournment*

It was moved by Commissioner Asare and seconded by Commissioner Piecuch at 4:10 P.M. to adjourn the meeting. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by,



Sheri-Lyn Lagueux

Clerk of the State Elections Enforcement Commission

August 19, 2026

Date approved

(By the State Elections Enforcement Commission)