MINUTES
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
September 30, 2026
3:30 PM

I. Call to Order

Chairman Ajello was present via Teams and called the meeting to order at 3:31 P.M. Commissioners Shannon Bergquist, Greg Piecuch and Cornelius McCarthy were present via Teams. Agency staff were also present and present via Teams.

It was moved by Commissioner McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to amend the agenda and add as II.B. *Recommendation of Counsel: Grant Calculations*; III.B.01 *"Cicconefor98," Carlyle Ciccone*. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

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 McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist at 3:34 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 Ajello, Bergquist, Piecuch and McCarthy 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 Audit & Disclosure Salman Munir, Staff Attorneys Mario Borelli, Johnny Ross, III, Zak Jazlowiecki, Maryam Bitar, Aaron Charney, Patricia Mwilwa, 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 3:42 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. "Darrell Harris for State Representative," Darrell Harris

It was moved by Commissioner McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to approve the grant application for *"Darrell Harris for State Representative," Darrell Harris.* So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

2. "Raghib 2026," Raghib Allie-Brennan

It was moved by Commissioner McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to continue without prejudice the grant application for *"Raghib 2026," Raghib Allie-Brennan.* So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

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

1. *"Cicconefor98," Carlyle Ciccone*

It was moved by Commissioner McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to deny the grant application for *"Cicconefor98," Carlyle Ciccone.* So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

V. Consideration of Matters Discussed in the above Executive Session

1. Recommendation of Counsel: Grant Calculations

It was moved by Commissioner McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to adopt the following motion: Pursuant to General Statutes § 9-711 and Regs., Conn. State Agencies § 9-711-1, the Commission hereby finds that the $58.38 excess expenditure by Santanella for CT is de minimis and the provisions of General Statutes § 9-711 are hereby waived. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

VI. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist at 3:47 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

October 7, 2026
Date approved
(By the State Elections Enforcement Commission)