MINUTES
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
October 15, 2026
3:30 PM

I. Call to Order

Chairman Ajello was present via Teams and called the meeting to order at 3:32 P.M. Commissioners Sonia Worrell Asare, Shannon Bergquist Cornelius McCarthy and Greg Piecuch were present via Teams. Agency staff were also present and present via Teams.

Chairman Ajello added to the agenda to section III.A.2. *"Palumbo for State Representative,"* Gary A. Palumbo.

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 3:33 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 5-0-0.

Commissioners Ajello, Asare, Bergquist, McCarthy 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 Audit & Disclosure Salman Munir, Staff Attorneys Mario Borelli, Zak Jazlowiecki, Maryam Bitar, Aaron Charney, Patricia Mwilwa, Elections Officer 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 3:35 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. Continuation of Prior Applications Awaiting Additional Information to Qualify for a Grant

1. "Felipe 2026," Antonio D. Felipe

It was moved by Commissioner McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to approve the grant application for *"Felipe 2026,"* Antonio D. Felipe. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

2. "Palumbo for State Representative," Gary A. Palumbo

It was moved by Commissioner McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to approve the grant application for *"Palumbo for State Representative," Gary A. Palumbo.* So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

It was moved by Commissioner McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist 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, including but not limited to, § 9-622 (7) and (10), and the requirements of Chapter 157 of the General Statutes concerning the conflicting contributor certification information submitted on behalf of ***Palumbo for State Representative*** in its grant application to participate in the Citizens' Election Program. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

V. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist at 3:40 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

October 21, 2026
Date approved
(By the State Elections Enforcement Commission)