AMENDED MINUTES
6BSTATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR TELEPHONIC MEETING
Via Teams
For public access: Stream on YouTube (https://youtube.com/@ctseec)
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November 4, 2026
9:30 AM

I. Call to Order

Chairman Ajello was present via Teams and called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM Commissioners Shannon Bergquist, Cornelius McCarthy and Greg Piecuch were present via Teams. Agency staff were also present and present via Teams.

II. Approval of the Minutes

1. Approval of the Minutes of October 21, 2026

It was moved by Commissioner Piecuch and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of October 21, 2026. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

III. Administrative Reports

1. Report of Executive Director and General Counsel Ryan Burns

Executive Director and General Counsel Ryan Burns reported that he was happy to report that, from an elections security and administration standpoint, yesterday was a resounding success. Everyone in Connecticut that wanted to vote securely and confidentially was able to do so. That was due in large part by the team here at SEEC. The staff did an outstanding job whether it was the administration of the Election Day Hotline under the leadership of Joshua Foley and with the assistance of William Smith and Aaron Charney and our team of volunteers. SEEC's elections security group from our enforcement unit was deployed around the state at various state trooper barracks and the State Emergency Operations Center. SEEC had a fantastic and dedicated group that was working from before polls open to well after polls closed. Director Burns expressed his deep appreciation for the work of the whole team.

Director Burns expressed appreciation to SEEC's sister agencies. For months leading up to this election SEEC has worked in partnership with the Department

of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Office of the Secretary of the State, Office of the Attorney General, Office of the Chief State's Attorney to ensure the success of election day. Each office was a collaborative partner and a major contributor to the success of the day.

Director Burns advised that the enforcement report currently has 183 docketed cases; that does not reflect a significant number of referrals that were made by the Secretary of the State recently. Accordingly, the total number of complaints is going to increase significantly, counting for both the early voting issues and complaints and referrals concerning Election Day itself. Of the 183 active cases, 33 are on hold; 50 are non-filers; 11 are in collection and 100 are active complaints, referrals or SEEC initiated matters. Some of the non-filers are also in collection.

Finally, Director Burns officially welcomed Emily Hurlock. She has joined our agency as the new administrative assistant, we welcome Emily to the team and look forward to working with her going forward.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to staff and also recognized local election administrators.

IV. Pending Complaints, Investigations and Audits

A. Public Session

1. In the Matter of a Referral by an Elections Officer
   File Nos. 2022-072, 2023-011, 2023-038
   Proposed Final Decision

Respondent:	Jason Lebel
Hearing Officer:	Shannon Bergquist
Attorney:	Johnny Ross, III

Hearing Officer Shannon Bergquist summarized the above referenced complaint and Proposed Final Decision in File Nos. 2022-072, 2023-011, 2023-038. She recommended adoption of the Proposed Final Decision in this matter.

The Commission invited comment from the Respondent, who was not present individually or via counsel.

It was moved by Commissioner Piecuch and seconded by Commissioner McCarthy to adopt the Final Decision in File Nos. 2022-072, 2023-011, 2023-038. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

2. In the Matter of a Referral by the Town Clerk, Glastonbury
   File No. 2024-137
   Proposed Agreement Containing Consent Order

Respondent:	Nicholas Damato
Attorney:	Mario Borelli
Legal Investigator:	Stephanie Fish

Attorney Mario Borelli summarized the above referenced complaint and Proposed Agreement Containing Consent Order in File No. 2024-137. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Agreement Containing Consent Order in this matter.

It was moved by Commissioner Piecuch and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to adopt the Agreement Containing Consent Order in File No. 2024-137. So voted by a vote of 3-0-1 with Commissioner Ajello abstaining.

V. 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 Piecuch and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist at 9:42 AM 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, 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, Enforcement Director William B. Smith, Staff Attorneys Mario Borelli, Zak Jazlowiecki, Maryam Bitar, Aaron Charney, Patricia Mwilwa, Legal Investigators Scott Branfuhr, Ronald Perry, Accounts Examiner Kujtim Dede, Information Technology Manager Irene Jeremic, Information Technology Analyst Nathan Diaz-Rolon, and Commission Clerks Stephen Palmer, Emily Hurlock and Sheri-Lyn Lagueux.

VI. Consideration of Matters Discussed in the above Executive Session

At 9:58 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 October 30, 2026 and requested that (5) five matters be moved to be investigated.

It was moved by Commissioner Piecuch and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to make a determination that it is necessary to investigate violations relating to complaints, File No. 2026-133; 2026-134; 2026-135; 2026-137 and 2026-138. So approved by the Commission. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

Attorney William B. Smith summarized the Recommendation of Counsel dated October 30, 2026 and requested that (1) one matter be moved to not be investigated.

It was moved by Commissioner Piecuch and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to make a determination that it is not necessary to investigate violations relating to complaints, File No. 2026-136. So approved by the Commission. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

2. In the Matter of a Referral by an Elections Officer
   File No. 2021-138
   Recommendation of Counsel
   Attorney: Johnny Ross, III

   Attorney William Smith summarized the above referenced complaint and Recommendation of Counsel in File No. 2021-138. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Motion of Referral to the Office of the Attorney General in this matter.

   It was moved by Commissioner Piecuch and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to adopt the following motion: Pursuant to its authority under General Statutes § 9-7b (a) (7), the Commission authorizes Counsel to refer this matter for consultation to the Office of the Attorney General towards securing from Respondent Alan Shaw payment of the $1,200 owed to the Commission and the filing of the required financial disclosure statements for the "Wilm 4 Rep" candidate committee organized for the November 3, 2020 election pursuant to a Stipulated Settlement Containing a Consent Order adopted by the Commission on July 15, 2026, pertaining into the matter docketed as File No. 2021-138. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

3. In the Matter of a Referral the Campaign Disclosure and Audit Unit of the State Elections Enforcement Commission
   File Nos. 2023-041, 2023-111, 2024-143, 2024-152, 2024-159, 2025-018, 2025-040
   Recommendation of Counsel
   Attorney: Johnny Ross, III

Attorney William Smith summarized the above referenced complaint and Recommendation of Counsel in File Nos. 2023-041, 2023-111, 2024-143, 2024-152, 2024-159, 2025-018 and 2025-040. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Motion of Referral to the Office of the Attorney General in this matter.

It was moved by Commissioner Piecuch and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to adopt the following motion: Pursuant to its authority under General Statutes § 9-7b (a) (7), the Commission authorizes Counsel to refer this matter for consultation to the Office of the Attorney General towards securing from Respondent Hannah J. Lemek payment of the $1,500 civil penalty owed to the Commission pursuant to a Final Decision adopted by the Commission on January 23, 2026, pertaining to the matters docketed as File Nos. 2023-041, 2023-111, 2024-143, 2024-152, 2024-159, 2025-018 and 2025-040. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

4. In the Matter of a Complaint by Wiliam Hopf, Fairfield
   File No. 2026-082
   Recommendation of Counsel
   Attorney: Johnny Ross, III
   Legal Investigator: Ronald Perry

   Attorney William Smith summarized the above referenced complaint and Recommendation of Counsel in File No. 2026-082. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Notice of Dismissal in this matter.

   It was moved by Commissioner Piecuch and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist to adopt the Notice of Dismissal in File No. 2026-082. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

5. In the Matter of a Complaint by Lisa M. Todman, Danbury
   File No. 2026-007
   Recommendation of Counsel
   Attorney: Zak Jazlowiecki
   Legal Investigator: Stephanie Fish

   The matter is continued.

6. In the Matter of a Complaint by Alberta Vitale, East Haven
   File No. 2025-112
   Recommendation of Counsel
   Attorney: Zak Jazlowiecki
   Legal Investigator: Scott Branfuhr

The matter is continued.

7. In the Matter of a Referral by the Audit and Disclosure Unit
   File No. 2024-170
   Recommendation of Counsel
   Attorney: Mario Borelli
   Legal Investigator: Sheri-Lyn Lagueux

   The matter is continued.

VII. Consideration of Matters Discussed in the above Executive Session

VIII. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Piecuch and seconded by Commissioner Bergquist at 10:06 A.M. to adjourn the meeting. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0. Unless otherwise noted, all votes of the Commission are unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sheri-Lyn Lagueux
Clerk of the State Elections Enforcement Commission

November 18, 2026
Date approved
(By the State Elections Enforcement Commission)