MINUTES OF THE
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING
5th Floor Conference Room
March 5, 2009
9:00 A.M.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Cashman called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M. Commissioners Jenkins, Gerratana, Bozzuto and Attorney Joan Andrews were present via teleconference. Agency staff was also present.

II. Approval of the Minutes

A. Approval of the Minutes of the February 5, 2009 Special Teleconference Meeting

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2009 Special Meeting. So voted.

B. Approval of the Minutes of the February 11, 2009 Regular Meeting

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2009 Regular Meeting. So voted.

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

Dianna Kulmacz, Director of Campaign Disclosure and Audit, summarized the following application and staff recommendation:

"Committee to Elect David Baram," David A. Baram

It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the grant application for "Committee to Elect David Baram."

IV. Pending Complaints and Investigations

1. In the Matter of a Complaint by Mary Hansen, Old Saybrook
File No. 2008-006
Request to Withdraw Complaint
Investigator: John Neumon, Lead Legal Investigator
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Attorney Andrews summarized the above referenced complaint and the request to withdraw the complaint. She had no objection to the withdrawal.

In was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to approve withdrawal of the complaint in File No. 2008-006. So voted. The complaint is withdrawn.

2. In the Matter of a Complaint by Shirley Surgeon, Hartford
File No. 2007-336
Proposed Consent Agreement and Order
Respondent: Ramfis Borque-Colon
Investigator: Attorney Marc Crayton
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Attorney Andrews summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Consent Agreement and Order. Respondent Borque-Colon has signed the agreement and paid the civil penalty. She recommended adoption of the proposed agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to adopt the proposed Consent Agreement and Order in File No. 2007-336. So voted. A copy of the Consent Agreement and Order is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

3. In the Matter of a Complaint by Michael P. Lawlor, East Haven
File No. 2008-124
Proposed Consent Agreement and Order
Respondent: Ralph J. Vitale
Investigator: Attorney William Smith
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Attorney Andrews summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Consent Agreement and Order. Respondent Vitale has signed the agreement and paid the civil penalty. She recommended adoption of the proposed agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to adopt the proposed Consent Agreement and Order in File No. 2008-124. So voted. A copy of the Consent Agreement and Order is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

4. In the Matter of a Complaint by Aleeta Looker, Cheshire
File No. 2008-125
Proposed Consent Agreement and Order
Respondent: Lillian Cummings Stevenson
Investigator: Attorney Marc Crayton
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Attorney Andrews summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Consent Agreement and Order. Respondent Cummings-Stevenson has signed the agreement and paid the civil penalty. She recommended adoption of the proposed agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to adopt the proposed Consent Agreement and Order in File No. 2008-125. So voted. A copy of the Consent Agreement and Order is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

5. In the Matter of a Complaint by Stephaine DeForest, Southbury
File No. 2008-224
Proposed Consent Agreement and Order
Respondent: Daniel Jarvis Brown
Investigator: Gilberto Oyola, Lead Legal Investigator
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Attorney Andrews summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Consent Agreement and Order. Respondent Brown has signed the agreement and paid the civil penalty. She recommended adoption of the proposed agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to adopt the proposed Consent Agreement and Order in File No. 2008-224. So voted. A copy of the Consent Agreement and Order is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

6. In the Matter of a Complaint by Ira Johnson, New Haven
File No. 2007-350
Proposed Consent Agreement and Order
Respondent: Jacqueline M. James
Investigator: Gilberto Oyola, Lead Legal Investigator
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Attorney Andrews summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Consent Agreement and Order. Respondent Brown has signed the agreement and paid the civil penalty. She recommended adoption of the proposed agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to adopt the proposed Consent Agreement and Order in File No. 2007-350. So voted. A copy of the Consent Agreement and Order is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

V. Administrative Compliance

7. File No. 2008-089CNF
Respondent: Charles Pia
Investigator: Attorney William Smith

re: Failure to file candidate committee registration or exemption thereof pursuant to Connecticut General Statute §9-604

Recommendation: Commission takes administrative notice that Respondent complied with the Commission demand, and accepts the payment of $200.00 as a settlement to the State of Connecticut.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana that the Commission takes administrative notice that the Respondent has complied with the statute indicated, and accepts, as full settlement the payment of $200.00 to the State of Connecticut and will take no further action with respect to this matter. So voted.

VI. Litigation

Gonzalez v. SEEC

Ms. Andrews stated that Ms. Gonazalez's petition for certification was denied by the Supreme Court. The motion for stay that was filed in Superior Court to stay the Commission's proceeding should be heard shortly.

VII. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto at 9:23 A.M. to adjourn the meeting. So voted. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes of the Commission were unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday March 25, 2009 at 9:00 A.M., in the 5th Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Stratton
Acting Clerk of the Commission

Adopted this 12th day of March, 2009 at Hartford, Connecticut.

Stephen F. Cashman
By Order of the Commission