MINUTES OF THE
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
5th Floor Conference Room
March 25, 2009
9:00 A.M.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Cashman called the meeting to order at 9:13 A.M. Commissioners Gerratana and Bozzuto were present. Agency staff was also present.

II. Approval of the Minutes

A. Approval of the Minutes of the March 12, 2009 Special Telephonic Meeting

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2009 Special Telephonic Meeting. So voted.

III. Pending Complaints and Investigations

A. Public Session

1. In the Matter of a Complaint by Judy Aron, West Hartford
File No. 2008-073
Proposed Consent Agreement and Order
Respondent: Sharon Lapointe

Attorney Andrews summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Consent Agreement and Order with respect to Respondent Lapointe. She recommended adoption of the proposed agreement contingent upon receipt of the above mentioned agreement within seven days.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to adopt the proposed Consent Agreement and Order in File No. 2008-073, contingent upon receipt of the original agreement and penalty within seven days. So voted. A copy of the Consent Agreement and Order is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

Proposed Findings and Conclusions
Investigator: Attorney Marc Crayton
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Attorney Andrews summarized the above referenced complaint and the proposed Findings and Conclusions recommending dismissal of the complaint as against other parties. She recommended adoption of the proposed Findings and Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to adopt the proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2008-073. So voted. That portion of the complaint is dismissed for the reasons stated. A copy of the Findings and Conclusions is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

2. In the Matter of a Complaint by Olga Iris Vazquez, Hartford
File No. 2008-092
Proposed Findings and Conclusions
Investigator: Attorney Marc Crayton
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Attorney Andrews requested that the Commission move this matter to the April 8, 2009 meeting agenda. This matter was continued.

3. In the Matter of a Complaint by Antoinette Jalbert, Waterbury
File No. 2008-157
Request to Withdraw Complaint
Investigator: Gilberto Oyola, 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 Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to approve withdrawal of the complaint in File No. 2008-157. So voted. The complaint is withdrawn.

4. In the Matter of a Complaint by Mary Oliver, Hampton
File No. 2008-176
Proposed Findings and Conclusions
Investigator: Attorney William Smith
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Attorney Andrews summarized the above referenced complaint and the proposed Findings and Conclusions recommending dismissal of the complaint. She recommended adoption of the proposed Findings and Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to adopt the proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2008-176. So voted. The complaint is dismissed for the reasons stated. A copy of the Findings and Conclusions is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

B. *Executive Session per C.G.S. 1-200(6)(B) and (E), and 1-210(b)(3) and (4)*

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana at 9:23 A.M. to proceed into Executive Session pursuant to C.G.S. §1-200(6)(B) and (E), and §1-210(b)(3) and (4) to discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims and exempt records relating thereto, listed as items III. 5 through 10 and item V. on the agenda. So voted. Commissioners Cashman, Gerratana and Bozzuto were present. Staff members present were Mr. Lenge, Ms. Andrews, Mr. Smith, Mr. Crayton, Mr. Ahern, Ms. Stratton, Ms. Blackburn, Ms. Rotman, Ms. Kief, Ms. Sadowski, Mr. Talbert-Slagle, Mr.Urso, Mr. Gebo and Ms. Zaccagnino. Assistant Attorney General Perry Zinn-Rothorn and Maura Murphy-Osbourne were invited into executive session by the Commission and remained only for the discussion of the Green Party Litigation.

It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto at 10:55 A.M. to return to public session. So voted.

Returning to Public Session the Commission took the following action:

5. In the Matter of a Complaint by David B. Gilmore, Waterbury
File No. 2006-149
Investigator: Managing Attorney Joan M.Andrews
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Attorney Andrews summarized the above referenced complaint.

It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to adopt the proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2006-149. So voted. The complaint is dismissed for the reasons stated. A copy of the Findings and Conclusions is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

6. In the Matter of a Complaint by Diana Reyes, Nancy Stephenson and Luis Caban, Hartford
File No. 2007-341
Respondents: Christopher Ryan
Investigators: Attorney Shannon Bergquist and Gilberto Oyola, Lead Legal Investigator
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Attorney Andrews summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Consent Agreements and Order. Respondent Christopher Ryan has signed the agreement and was assessed a civil penalty of $2,000.00, which is remitted to $0 based on financial circumstances. She recommended adoption of the proposed agreements.

It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to adopt the proposed Consent Agreements and Orders in File No. 2007-341. So voted. A copy of the Consent Agreements and Orders is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

7. In the Matter of a Complaint by Elsie Ortiz and Serafin Mendez, Hartford
File No. 2007-342
Investigators: Attorney Shannon Bergquist and Gilberto Oyola, Lead Legal Investigator
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

This matter was continued.

8. In the Matter of a Complaint by Solomon Hall, Hartford
File No. 2007-343
Investigators: Attorney Shannon Bergquist and Gilberto Oyola, Lead Legal Investigator
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

This matter was continued.

9. In the Matter of a Complaint by Scott A. Adamsons, Portland
File No. 2008-129
Investigator: Attorney William Smith and Charlie Urso, Lead Legal Investigator
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

This matter was continued.

10. In the Matter of a Complaint by Selim Noujiam, Waterbury
File No. 2009-009
Investigator: Attorney William Smith
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Ms. Andrews requested that the Commission expand the scope of the investigation to include the permissible expenditure analysis.

It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to expand the scope of the investigation. So voted.

V. Litigation

Green Party v. Garfield

No votes were taken.

IV. Find Reason to Believe Recommendations & Designation of Hearing Officer

11. File No. 2008-139CNF
Respondent: Robert Gorgolione
Investigator: Attorney Marc Crayton
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Recommendation: Find Reason to Believe that Respondent Robert Gorgolione Violated Connecticut General Statutes §9-604 and §9-623

It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto that the Commission finds reason to believe that Respondent Robert

Gorgolione violated Connecticut General Statutes §9-604 and §9-623 and that a Hearing Officer be designated for this matter. So voted. Chairman Cashman designated Attorney Lenge as Hearing Officer for File No. 2008-139CNF.

VI. Legislation

Ms. Rotman informed the Commission on some of the bills that have recently been reviewed. Further discussion will follow at the next meeting.

VII. Administrative Reports

Mr. Lenge updated the Commission on the bi-weekly meetings with the forms subcommittee and the Information Technology Department addressing revisions that are currently being made to the eCRIS forms and other interface features. Future renovations to consolidate the physical layout of the agency were also discussed.

Ms. Rotman mentioned the Special Election that was held on March 24, 2009 and that David Baram, a participant in the Citizen Elections Program was successful in his bid for office.

Ms. Andrews congratulated Attorney Shannon Bergquist on the birth of her second child Tyler and notified the Commission that she will be on maternity leave for the next six months.

VIII. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto at 11:19 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 April 8, 2009 at 9:00 A.M., in the 5th Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Stratton
Acting Clerk of the Commission

Adopted this 8th day of April, 2009 at Hartford, Connecticut.

Stephen F. Cashman
By Order of the Commission