MINUTES OF THE
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
5th Floor Conference Room
June 17, 2009
9:00 A.M.

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of the Minutes

A. Approval of the Minutes of the May 27, 2009 Special Meeting

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

Attorney Andrews requested the following item be added to the agenda, File No. 2009-045NF. It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to add this item as number 10 on the agenda. So voted.

Commissioner Cashman requested to add to the agenda a Resolution commending Commissioner Michael Dolan on the termination of his term. It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to add the Resolution. So voted.

Commissioner Gerratana read the Resolution expressing the gratitude of the State Elections Enforcement Commission and staff to Father Michael Dolan for his dedicated service as a member of the Commission.

III. Closed Complaint Updates

A. Public Session

1. In Re: Government Action Fund PAC, Hartford
File No. 2008-003
Investigator: Charlie Urso, Lead Legal Investigator and Dara Howard
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Attorney Andrews updated the Commission on File No. 2008-003, noting that Respondent Gaffey and Ceneviva have complied with the terms of the order, paid their $6,000.00 and $3,000.00 civil penalties, respectively, terminated the GAF PAC, and forfeited $13,067.22, which was more than anticipated. The matter is now closed.

2. In Re: "Crisco 2008," Hartford
File No. 2008-082
Investigators: Attorney Kevin Ahern and Charlie Urso, Lead Legal Investigator
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Attorney Andrews updated the Commission on File No. 2008-082, noting that Respondent Coppola has resigned her Commission as a Notary Public with the Secretary of the States Office. The Commission file is now closed.

IV. Pending Complaints and Investigations

3. In the Matter of a Referral by SEEC Elections Officer, Hartford
File No. 2008-118NF
Proposed Consent Agreement and Order
Respondent: Terrance Tierney
Investigator: Attorney Marc Crayton
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Attorney Andrews summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Consent Agreement and Order with respect to Respondent Terrance Tierney. She recommended adoption of the proposed agreement. The $200.00 civil penalty has been paid.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to adopt the proposed Consent Agreement and Order with respect to Respondent Tierney in File No. 2008-118NF. So voted. A copy of the Consent Agreement and Order is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

V. Notice of Administrative Compliance

7. File No. 2008-175NF
Respondent: Michael Doyle, 20th District Council
Investigator: Attorney Marc Crayton
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Recommendation: Commission takes administrative notice that Respondent complied with the Commission demand.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana that the Commission takes administrative notice that the Respondent has complied with the statute indicated and will take no further action with respect to this matter. So voted.

8. File No. 2008-140NF
Respondent: Terrence Tierney Jr., Treasurer, Tierney for State Senate
Investigator: Attorney Marc Crayton
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

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.

9. File No. 2008-117NF
Request to Rescind Reason to Believe
Respondent: Anthony Ford, Treasurer, 20th District Council
Investigator: Attorney William Smith
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

re: Respondent Anthony Ford, violated Connecticut General Statutes §9-608 and §9-623

Attorney Andrews summarized File No. 2008-117NF and requests the Commission rescind the prior Reason to Believe finding. It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to Rescind the Reason to Believe finding. So voted.

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 Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana at 10:04 A.M. to proceed into Executive Session pursuant to C.G.S. §1-200(6) (A)(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 4 through 6 on the agenda to be followed by an executive session on a personnel matter, pursuant to agenda cites. So voted. Commissioners Cashman, Jenkins, Gerratana and Bozzuto were present. Staff members present in the case discussion were Mr. Garfield, Mr. Lenge, Ms. Andrews, Mr. Crayton, Mr. Ahern, Mr. Oyola, Ms. Stratton, Ms. Blackburn, Ms. Kulmacz, Ms. Rotman, Ms. Nicolescu, Ms. Kief, Ms. Sadowski, Ms. Liebenhaut, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. Urso, Ms. Adams, Ms. Zaccagnino, Mr. Cascudo, Mr. Gebo, Ms. Killeen, Ms. Baral and Mr. Olinski. All staff members, with the exception of Mr. Garfield, left the executive session on personnel matter. It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana at 11:27 A.M. to return to public session. So voted.

C. Executive Session per C.G.S. 1-200(6)(A) and (E), and 1-210(b)(2)

Following a short recess the Commission took the following action:

4. In re: David Larkin
File No. 2008-046
Investigator: John Neumon, Lead Legal Investigator
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Attorney Andrews summarized File No. 2008-046 and requested a motion to refer this matter to the Chief States Attorney's Office. It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by

Commissioner Gerratana to refer this matter to the Chief States Attorney's Office. So voted.

5. In the Matter of a Complaint by Jo Ann Callegari, West Haven
File No. 2008-077
Investigator: Attorney Kevin Ahern and Attorney William Smith
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

This matter was continued.

6. Personnel Matter

No votes were taken.

10. ***Find Reason to Believe Recommendations & Designation of Hearing Officer***

File No. 2009-045NF
Respondent: William Ospina, Treasurer, Milford Police Union PAC
Investigator: Attorney Kevin Ahern
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Recommendation: Find Reason to Believe that Respondent William Ospina Violated Connecticut General Statutes §9-608 and 9-623

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana that the Commission finds reason to believe that Respondent William Ospina violated Connecticut General Statutes §§ 9-608 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. 2009-045NF.

VI. Administrative Reports

Mr. Garfield announced his retirement after thirty years of service with the State Elections Enforcement Commission. He thanked the Commissioners past and present for their support during his tenure. Mr. Garfield also announced the upcoming retirement of Fiscal Administrative Manager, Jean Love. Mr. Garfield thanked her for her tireless efforts, which are greatly appreciated by the Commission.

Commissioner Cashman expressed his pleasure working with Mr. Garfield, thanking him for his hard work, dedication and abilities. The Commission wishes both Mr. Garfield and Ms. Love the best.

Mr. Garfield updated the Commission on the enhancements being made to Information Technology functions and trainings for municipal finance. Additional training will be conducted in July and August. Campaign finance forms are also being revised at this time.

Ms. Rotman mentioned the final New Haven report for the Citizens Election Pilot Program is available.

Ms. Zaccagnino gave a presentation on the Citizens' Election Program survey results that were administered to candidates, deputy treasurers and treasurers. Response rates and customer satisfaction expressed were very high.

Mr. Garfield informed the Commission that the final Citizens' Election Program report must be available by January 2010.

VII. Legislative Updates

Mr. Garfield acknowledged the tremendous efforts of Ms. Nicolescu. Proposals that were submitted did not pass during this past session.

VIII. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins at 11:29 A.M. to adjourn the meeting. So voted. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes of the Commission were unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

MaryAnn Stratton
Acting Clerk of the Commission

Adopted this 1st day of July 2009 at Hartford, Connecticut

Stephen F. Cashman, Chairman
By Order of the Commission

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday July 1, 2009 at 9:00 A.M., in the 5th Floor Conference Room.