



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
5th Floor Conference Room
February 16, 2011
9:00 A.M.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Cashman called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M. Commissioner's Jenkins, Bozzuto, Stankevicius and Castagno were present. Agency staff was also present.

Director Kief requested the Complaint of Marie Egbert, Hebron, File No. 2010-056, #6 of the Public Session be removed from the agenda and that the Complaint of Tim O'Brien, File No. 2010-010 be added to the agenda as #6.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to remove File No. 2010-056, the Complaint of Marie Egbert, Hebron and to add File No. 2010-010, the Complaint of Tim O'Brien, New Britain to the agenda as item #6, Section V. So voted.

II. Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the January 26, 2011 Regular Meeting
Approval of the Minutes of the February 8, 2011 Special Teleconference Meeting

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to approve the Minutes of the January 26, 2011 Regular Meeting and the Minutes of the February 8, 2011 Special Teleconference Meeting. So voted.

III. Administrative Reports

Mr. Lenge announced Dianna Kulmacz, Director of Campaign and Disclosure and Audit will be leaving within a few weeks. The Commission thanked Ms. Kulmacz for the great job she has done for the Commission.

Ms. Kulmacz thanked the Commission for their well wishes.

Mr. Lenge informed the Commission that he and several staff members will be going to Massachusetts to view the Campaign Finance Filing System.

Mr. Lenge discussed the budget proposals that the Governor will be addressing regarding agency mergers. Mr. Lenge will update the Commission as details become available.

Mr. Lenge mentioned the Legislative hearing that he, Ms. Kief and Ms. Nicolescu recently attended to discuss various bills before the Legislature this session.

Ms. Nicolescu announced the upcoming February 22, 2011 Special Elections and the SEEC phone and email system that will be ready to assist voters on Election Day. There will also be a hotline established to help voters.

Mr. Lenge announced Commissioner Castagno has been unanimously approved by the Executive Nominations Committee and it became a House Joint Resolution that has passed both the House and the Senate. The Commission congratulated him.

Mr. Lenge stated the Green Party v. Lenge, et al. petition for certiorari deadline has been extended to Tuesday, February 22, 2010.

Mr. Lenge discussed the enforcement statistics with the Commission and thanked the Enforcement Unit for their efforts. Mr. Lenge also announced the new Guidebooks that have been created and are available on the website.

Ms. Kulmacz discussed Audit and desk review statistics for Committees.

IV. Legislative Update

No votes were taken. This matter was addressed in Administrative Reports.

V. Pending Complaints and Investigations

A. Public Session

1. In the Matter of a Complaint by Jonathan Best, Stratford
File No. 2009-081
Proposed Consent Agreement and Order
Respondent: John A. Harkins
Attorney: Shannon R. T. Bergquist
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Bergquist summarized the above referenced complaint and the proposed Consent Agreement and Order. She recommended adoption of the proposed Consent Agreement and Order contingent upon receipt within ten days.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to adopt the proposed Consent Agreement and Order in File No. 2009-081 contingent upon receipt within ten days. So voted. The Consent Agreement and Order will be available on our website under Commission Decisions upon receipt.

2. In the Matter of a Complaint by Thomas J. Ryder, West Haven
File No. 2010-041
Proposed Findings and Conclusions
Attorney: Shannon R. T. Bergquist
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Bergquist summarized the above referenced complaint and the proposed Findings and Conclusions. She recommended adoption of the proposed Findings and Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to adopt the proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2010-041. So voted. The Findings and Conclusions are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

3. In the Matter of a Complaint by Jean de Smet, Willimantic
File No. 2010-149
Proposed Consent Agreement and Order
Respondent: Susan Bucklin
Attorney: Shannon R. T. Bergquist
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Bergquist summarized the above referenced complaint and the proposed Consent Agreement and Order. She recommended adoption of the proposed Consent Agreement and Order contingent upon receipt within ten days.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the proposed Consent Agreement and Order in File No. 2010-149 contingent upon receipt within ten days. So voted. The Consent Agreement and Order will be available on our website under Commission Decisions upon receipt.

4. In the Matter of a Complaint by Martha S. Epstein-Smega, Bridgeport
File No. 2010-153
Proposed Findings and Conclusions
Attorney: Shannon R. T. Bergquist
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Bergquist summarized the above referenced complaint and the proposed Findings and Conclusions. She recommended adoption of the proposed Findings and Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2010-153. So voted. The Findings and Conclusions are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

5. In the Matter of a Complaint by Donna J. McCalla, Amston
File No. 2010-055
Proposed Consent Agreement and Order
Respondent: Rhonda Thiesen
Attorney: William B. Smith
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Smith summarized the above referenced complaint and the proposed Consent Agreement and Order. He recommended adoption of the proposed Consent Agreement and Order.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the proposed Consent Agreement and Order in File No. 2010-055. So voted. The Consent Agreement and Order is available on our website under Commission Decisions.

6. In the Matter of a Complaint by Tim O'Brien, New Britain
File No. 2010-010
Proposed Consent Agreement Order
Respondent: Tonilynn Collins
Attorney: William B. Smith
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Smith summarized the above referenced complaint and the proposed Consent Agreement and Order. He recommended adoption of the proposed Consent Agreement and Order contingent upon receipt within ten days.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the proposed Consent Agreement and Order in File No. 2010-010 contingent upon receipt within ten days. So voted. The Consent Agreement and Order will be available on our website under Commission Decisions upon receipt.

7. In the Matter of a Complaint by Kenneth Heidkamp, Middlebury
File No. 2008-154
In the Matter of a Complaint by Patrick DeAngelis, Middlebury
File No. 2008-162
Proposed Consent Agreement and Order
Respondent: Paul J. Perrotti
Attorney: Kevin Ahern
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Ahern summarized the above referenced complaints and the proposed Consent Agreement and Order. He recommended adoption of the proposed Consent Agreement and Order.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the proposed Consent Agreement and Order in File No's.

2008-154 and 2008-162. So voted. Commissioner Bozzuto was not present for this vote. The Consent Agreement and Order is available on our website under Commission Decisions.

8. In the Matter of a Complaint by Sean Arena, Hartford
File No. 2010-033
Proposed Findings and Conclusions
Attorney: Kevin Ahern
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Ahern summarized the above referenced complaint and the proposed Findings and Conclusions. He recommended adoption of the proposed Findings and Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2010-033. So voted. The Findings and Conclusions are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

9. In the Matter of a Complaint by Ivan Maldonado, Hartford
File No. 2010-109
Proposed Findings and Conclusions
Attorney: Kevin Ahern
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Ahern summarized the above referenced complaint and the proposed Findings and Conclusions. He recommended adoption of the proposed Findings and Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2010-109. So voted. The Findings and Conclusions are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

10. In Re: SEEC Initiated "Royston 2008"
File No. 2010-121
Proposed Consent Agreement and Order
Respondent: Amy Tria
Attorney: Kevin Ahern
Lead Legal Investigator: Charles Urso

Attorney Ahern summarized the above referenced complaint and the proposed Consent Agreement and Order. He recommended adoption of the proposed Consent Agreement and Order contingent upon receipt within ten days.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the Proposed Consent Agreement and Order in File No. 2010-121 contingent upon receipt within ten days. So voted. The Consent Agreement and Order will be available on our website upon receipt.

11. In the Matter of a Complaint by Susan Koneff and Jeanette Benson, Monroe
File No. 2010-148

Proposed Findings and Conclusions

Attorney: Kevin Ahern
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Ahern summarized the above referenced complaint and the proposed Findings and Conclusions. He recommended adoption of the proposed Findings and Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2010-148. So voted. The Findings and Conclusions are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

12. In the Matter of a Complaint by Charles W. Kelly, Salisbury
File No. 2010-052

Proposed Consent Agreement and Order

Respondent: Peter L. Becket
Attorney: Patrick J. Lamb
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Lamb summarized the above referenced complaint and the proposed Consent Agreement and Order. He recommended adoption of the proposed Consent Agreement and Order.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the proposed Consent Agreement and Order in File No. 2010-052. So voted. The Consent Agreement and Order is available on our website under Commission Decisions.

B. Executive Session per C.G.S. 1-200(6)(B) and (E), and 1-210(b)(3)(4)and(10)

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 9:51 A.M. to proceed into Executive Session pursuant to C.G.S. §1-200 (6) (B) and (E) and §1-210 (b) (3) (4) and (10) to discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims and exempt records relating thereto, listed as items 13 through 21 on Section V. of the agenda. So voted. Chairman Cashman and Commissioners Jenkins, Bozzuto, Castagno and Stankevicius were present. Staff members present were Mr. Lenge, Ms. Kief, Mr. Smith, Mr. Lamb, Ms. Bergquist, Mr. Oyola, Mr. Ahern, Ms. Blackburn, Ms. Stratton, Ms. Kulmacz, Ms. Nicolescu, Ms. Leibenhaut, Ms. Sadowski, Mr. Barry, Ms. Staniewicz, Mr. Urso, Ms. Zaccagnino Ms. Waterman, Ms. Howard, Ms. Pulaski and Ms. Montgomery.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins at 11:01 A.M. to return to public session. So voted.

Returning to public session, the Commission took the following action:

13. In the Matter of a Complaint by Sara Waterfall *et al*, Danbury
File No. 2009-123
Proposed Findings and Conclusions
Attorney: Patrick J. Lamb
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Lamb summarized the above referenced complaint and the proposed Findings and Conclusions. He recommended adoption of the proposed Findings and Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2009-123. So voted. The Findings and Conclusions are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

14. In the Matter of a Complaint by James Bailey Brislin, Enfield
File No. 2010-047
Proposed Findings and Conclusions
Attorney: Kevin Ahern
Lead Legal Investigator: Charles Urso

Attorney Ahern summarized the above referenced complaint and the proposed Findings and Conclusions. He recommended adoption of the proposed Findings and Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2010-047. So voted. The Findings and Conclusions are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

15. In Re: SEEC Initiated "Abe Giles '90"
File No. 2009-147
Attorney: James Talbert-Slagle
Lead Legal Investigator: Charles Urso

This matter is continued.

16. In the Matter of a Complaint by Robert Brown, Waterford
File No. 2010-095
Proposed Findings and Conclusions
Attorney: James Talbert-Slagle
Lead Legal Investigator: Charles Urso

Attorney Talbert-Slagle summarized the above referenced complaint and the proposed Findings and Conclusions. He recommended adoption of the proposed Findings and Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2010-095. So voted. The Findings and Conclusions are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

17. In the Matter of a Complaint by Nabil M. Takla, Danbury
File No. 2010-134
Attorney: William B. Smith
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

This matter is continued.

18. In the Matter of a Complaint by Alvin Burgher, Jr., Hartford
File No. 2010-145
Attorney: Shannon R. T. Bergquist
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

This matter is continued.

19. In the Matter of a Complaint by Timothy E. Denman, Hartford
File No.2010-146
Attorney: Shannon R. T. Bergquist
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

This matter is continued.

20. In the Matter of a Complaint by Richard V. Nelson, Hartford
File No. 2010-147
Attorney: Shannon R. T. Bergquist
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

This matter is continued.

21. In Re: Request for initiation of an investigation regarding Reporting of Independent Expenditures in the 2010 elections
Executive Director Albert P. Lenge
Attorney Patrick J. Lamb

Attorney Lamb summarized the Request for initiation of an investigation regarding Reporting of Independent Expenditures in the 2010 elections.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to initiate an investigation regarding the Reporting of Independent Expenditures in the 2010 elections. So voted.

VI. Executive Session per C.G.S. §§ 1-200(6)(B) and (E), and 1-210(b)(1),(3)(4)and(10) (Preliminary draft and agency consideration of enforcement action and exempt records relative thereto)

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 11:16 A.M. to proceed into Executive Session pursuant to C.G.S. §1-200 (6) (B) and (E) and §1-210 (b) (1) (3) (4) and (10) to discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims and exempt records relating thereto, listed as items 1 through 7 on Section VI. of the agenda. So voted. Chairman Cashman and Commissioners Jenkins, Bozzuto, Castagno and Stankevicius were present. Staff members present were Mr. Lenge, Ms. Kief, Mr. Smith, Mr. Lamb, Ms. Bergquist, Mr. Oyola, Mr. Ahern, Ms. Blackburn, Ms. Stratton, Ms. Kulmacz, Ms. Leibenhaut, Ms. Sadowski, Ms. Staniewicz, Mr. Urso, Ms. Zaccagnino Ms. Waterman, Ms. Howard, Ms. Pulaski and Ms. Montgomery.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins at 11:21 A.M. to return to public session. So voted.

Returning to public session, the Commission took the following action:

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the issuance of the aforementioned committee draft Audit Reports numbered 2-7 on the agenda as Final Audit Reports. So voted.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to initiate an investigation into item 1. "Knox 2008," Thomas Knox. So voted.

Consideration of Draft Audit Reports

1. "Knox 2008," Thomas Knox
Examiner: Monique Coates
2. "Royston 2008," Michael Royston
Examiner: Monique Coates
3. "O'Brien for State Representative," Timothy O'Brien
Examiner: Martin Paxi
4. "Michael Renzullo Senate Campaign," Michael Renzullo
Examiner: Monique Coates
5. "Renzullo for Senate Exploratory Committee," Michael Renzullo
Examiner: Monique Coates
6. "Lori Musco to Hartford," Lori Musco
Examiner: Monique Coates
7. "Banici for Southington," Dan Banici
Examiner: Monique Coates

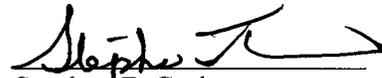
VII. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto at 11:22 P.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 16th day of March, 2011 at Hartford, Connecticut.



Stephen F. Cashman
By Order of the Commission

The next regular scheduled meeting is March 16, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the 5th Floor Conference room.