



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

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**MINUTES**  
**STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**August 24, 2011**  
**9:00 A.M.**

***I. Call to Order***

Commissioner Cashman called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. Commissioners Castagno, Jenkins, Bozzuto and Stankevicius were present. Agency staff was also present.

Director Lenge requested a matter be added to the end of the agenda, during executive session in order to discuss personnel matters.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to add the item to the executive session of the agenda. So voted.

***II. Approval of the Minutes***

*Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of July 27, 2011 Regular Meeting*

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the Minutes of the July 27, 2011 Regular Meeting. So voted.

***III. Administrative Reports***

Mr. Lenge informed the Commission that staff members will be participating in the Office of the Secretary of the State's training and roundtable panel.

Mr. Lenge updated the Commission regarding Freedom of Information requirements which require that materials kept by state agencies in reference to public safety personnel, must be redacted, before they are turned over. Mr. Lenge advises that the SEEC currently complies with said requirements.

Mr. Lenge updated the Commission as to form updates and modifications as to the SEEC Form 30 and also Certification cards relative to Judge of Probate elections.

Mr. Lenge discussed and summarized Commission statistics for various units within the agency.

**IV. Consideration of Hearing Officer Reports**

**A. Public Session**

Hearing Officer Albert P. Lenge presented the Hearing Officer's Reports

1. In the Matter of a Referral by a SEEC Elections Officer  
File Nos. 2010-175 NF & 2011-019NF  
Proposed Hearing Officer Report  
Hearing Officer: Albert P. Lenge  
Respondents: Larcina Carrington-Wynn  
Prosecutor: Patrick J. Lamb

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the Final Decision in File No. 2010-175 NF & 2011-019NF. So voted. The Final Decision is available on our website under Commission Decisions.

2. In the Matter of a Complaint by a SEEC Elections Officer,  
File No. 2010-191NF & 2011-021NF  
Proposed Hearing Officer Report  
Hearing Officer: Albert P. Lenge  
Respondents: Christopher Hetrick  
Prosecutor: Patrick J. Lamb

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the Final Decision in File No. 2010-191NF & 2011-021NF. So voted. The Final Decision is available on our website under Commission Decisions

3. In the Matter of a Complaint by SEEC Elections Officer,  
File No. 2010-088CNF  
Proposed Hearing Officer Report  
Hearing Officer: Albert P. Lenge  
Respondents: George O. Porter  
Prosecutor: Patrick J. Lamb

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the Final Decision in File No. 2010-088CNF. So voted. The Final Decision is available on our website under Commission Decisions.

4. In the Matter of a Complaint by SEEC Elections Officer,  
File No. 2010-161CNF  
Proposed Hearing Officer Report  
Hearing Officer: Albert P. Lenge  
Respondents: Martha Kelly  
Prosecutor: Patrick J. Lamb

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the Final Decision in File No. 2010-161CNF. So voted The Final Decision is available on our website under [Commission Decisions](#).

## ***V. Pending Complaints and Investigations***

### ***A. Public Session***

1. In the Matter of a Complaint by Vincent Marino, Esq., Orange  
File No. 2009-132  
Proposed Findings and Conclusions  
Respondents: Edward Martin and Stew Leonard  
Attorney: William B. Smith  
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Talbert-Slagle summarized the above reference complaint and proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2009-132. 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. 2009-132. So voted. The proposed Findings and Conclusions are available on our website under [Commission Decisions](#).

2. In the Matter of a Complaint by Donald A. Brown, Thompson  
File No. 2011-080  
Proposed Consent Order and Agreement  
Respondents: James Morton  
Attorney: William B. Smith  
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Talbert-Slagle summarized the above reference complaint and proposed Consent Order and Agreement in File No. 2011-080. He recommended adoption of the proposed Consent Order and Agreement contingent upon receipt within 10 days.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the proposed Consent Order and Agreement in File No. 2011-080 contingent upon receipt within 10 days. So voted. The proposed

Consent Order and Agreement will be available on our website under Commission Decisions upon receipt.

3. In re: SEEC Initiated “The Committee to Re-Elect State Senator Eric D. Coleman,” Hartford  
File No. 2010-071  
Proposed Consent Order and Agreement  
Respondents: Martin B. John, Treasurer  
Attorney: James Talbert-Slagle  
Lead Legal Investigator: Charlie Urso

Attorney Talbert-Slagle summarized the above reference complaint and proposed Consent Order and Agreement in File No. 2010-071. He recommended adoption of the proposed Consent Order and Agreement contingent upon receipt within 10 days.

It was moved by Commissioner Castagno and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to adopt the proposed Consent Order and Agreement in File No. 2010-071 contingent upon receipt within 10 days. So voted. The proposed Consent Order and Agreement will be available on our website under Commission Decisions upon receipt.

- 3a. In re: “The Committee to Re-Elect State Senator Eric D. Coleman”

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the issuance of the aforementioned committee draft Audit Reports as Final Audit Reports for “The Committee to Re-Elect State Senator Eric D. Coleman”. So voted.

4. In re: SEEC initiated "Committee to Elect Charles Blango", Hartford  
File No. 2010-160  
Proposed Findings and Conclusions  
Respondents: Charles Blango and Jerry Smart  
Attorney: James Talbert-Slagle  
Lead Legal Investigator: Charlie Urso

Attorney Talbert-Slagle summarized the above reference complaint and proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2010-160. 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. 2010-160. So voted. The proposed Findings and Conclusions are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

4a. In re: “Committee to Elect Charles Blango”

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the issuance of the aforementioned committee draft Audit Reports as Final Audit Reports for “Committee to Elect Charles Blango”. So voted.

5. In the Matter of a Complaint by Frank A. Burgio, Waterbury  
In re: “Friends of Selim”

File Nos. 2008-158 & 2008-223

Proposed Consent Order and Agreement

Respondents: Patricia Goodin and Selim Noujaim  
Attorney: Kevin Ahern  
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Ahern summarized the above reference complaint and proposed Consent Order and Agreement in File Nos. 2008-158 and 2008-223. He recommended adoption of the proposed Consent Order and Agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the proposed Consent Order and Agreement in File Nos. 2008-158 and 2008-223 . So voted. The proposed Consent Order and Agreement are available on our website under [Commission Decisions](#).

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the issuance of the aforementioned committee draft Audit Reports as Final Audit Reports for “Friends of Selim” 2008. So voted.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the issuance of the aforementioned committee draft Audit Reports as Final Audit Reports for “Friends of Selim” 2010. So voted.

6. In the Matter of a Complaint by Victor L. Harpley, Cromwell  
File No. 2010-014

Proposed Findings and Conclusions

Respondents: Joe Nguyen, and Rosner Family, LLC  
Attorney: Kevin Ahern  
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Ahern summarized the above reference complaint and proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2010-014. 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. 2010-014. So voted. The proposed Findings and Conclusions are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

7. In the Matter of a Complaint by John Kisluk, Plainville  
File No. 2011-081

Proposed Findings and Conclusions

Respondents: Catherine McQueeney, Jean Lombardo, and  
Beth Gasparini

Attorney: Kevin Ahern

Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Ahern summarized the above reference complaint and proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2011-081. 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. 2011-081. So voted. The proposed Findings and Conclusions are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

8. Non-Filer Investigations and Prosecutions

a. Appointment of a permanent Hearing Officer for Hearings Concerning Alleged Violations of General Statutes §§ 9-602 (c), 9-603, 9-604, or 9-608

Chairman Cashman appointed himself as Permanent Hearing Officer for Hearings Concerning Alleged Violations of 9-602 (c), 9-603, 9-604 or 9-608 until further notice.

b. Pursuant to Section 9-7b-35 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, Proposed Findings of a Reason to Believe a Violation has been Committed Concerning Delinquent Filings, Violations Under Section 9-623(b) (2). Based Upon Referrals by the SEEC Campaign Disclosure and Audit Unit.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to find reason to believe violations have been committed in File Nos.: 2011-100NF, 2011-101NF, 2011-102NF, 2011-103NF, 2011-104NF, 2011-085NT, 2011-088NT and 2011-089NT. So voted.

VI. ***Executive Session per C.G.S. §§ 1-200(6)(B) and (E), and 1-210(b)(1),(3),(4),(10) and General Statutes § 9-7a, as amended by Public Act 11-48 § 300***  
*(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 9:53 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),(10) and General Statutes § 9-7a, as amended by Public Act 11-48 § 300 to discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims and exempt records relating thereto, listed as items 1 through 7 on the agenda. So voted. Commissioners Castagno, Jenkins, Bozzuto and Stankevicius were present. Staff members present were Lindsey Leung, Marianne Sadowski, Paige Adams, Charlie Urso, Patrick Lamb, James Talbert-Slagle, Kevin Ahern, Nancy Staniewicz and Lisa Zaccagnino. Interns were also present.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto at 10:25 A.M. to return to public session. So voted.

The Commission took the following action:

1. In the Matter of a Complaint by Brien Buckman, Storrs  
File Nos. 2010-115 & 2010-137  
Proposed Findings and Conclusions  
Respondents: Jason Ortiz  
Attorney: Patrick J. Lamb  
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Lamb summarized the above reference complaint and proposed Findings and Conclusions in File Nos. 2010-115 & 2010-137. 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 Nos. 2010-115 & 2010-137. So voted. The proposed Findings and Conclusions are available on our website under [Commission Decisions](#).

2. In the Matter of a Complaint by Lori Kaback, Town Clerk, Danbury  
File No. 2010-145  
Respondents: Brend Schlemmer  
Attorney: Patrick J. Lamb  
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

The matter was continued

3. In the Matter of a Complaint by Mary V. Gadbois, East Lyme  
File No. 2010-123

Respondents: Paul Formica  
Attorney: Marianne Sadowski  
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

The matter was continued.

4. In the Matter of a Complaint by Beth Denton, West Haven  
File No. 2009-087

Proposed Consent Order and Agreement  
Proposed Findings and Conclusions

Respondents: Michelle Hufcut, Deborah Collins  
Attorney: Kevin Ahern  
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Ahern summarized the above reference complaint and proposed Consent Order and Agreement the proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2009-087. He recommended adoption of the proposed Consent Order and Agreement the proposed Findings and Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to adopt the proposed Consent Order and Agreement and the proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2009-087. So voted. The proposed Consent Order and Agreement are available on our website under [Commission Decisions](#).

5. In the Matter of a Complaint by Kenneth Gronbach, Haddam  
File No. 2009-148

Proposed Consent Order and Agreement

Respondents: Patricia Hess, Ann P. Huffstetler  
Attorney: Kevin Ahern  
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Ahern summarized the above reference complaint and proposed Consent Order and Agreement in File No. 2009-148. He recommended adoption of the proposed Consent Order and Agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve and adopt the proposed Consent Order and Agreement in File No. 2009-148. So voted. The record reflects Commissioner Castagno abstained from voting. The proposed Consent Order and Agreement will be available on our website under [Commission Decisions](#) upon receipt.

6. In the Matter of a Complaint by Arthur J. Scialabba, Norwalk  
File No. 2010-077

Respondents: Luigi Jonathan Lombardo  
Attorney: William B. Smith

Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

The matter was continued.

7. Recommendation of Counsel: Necessary to Investigate Determination pursuant to General Statutes § 9-7a, as amended by Public Act 11-48 § 300

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to move to make a determination that it is necessary to investigate violations relating to 10 complaints in File Nos.: 2011-084, 2011-090, 2011-091, 2011-092, 2011-093, 2011-095, 2011-096, 2011-097, 2011-105 and 2011-106 . So voted.

***VII. 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 Castagno and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins at 10:28 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 5 on the agenda. So voted. Commissioners Castagno, Jenkins, Bozzuto and Stankevicius were present. Staff members present were Shannon Kief, Albert P. Lenge, Paige Adams, Charlie Urso, Patrick Lamb, James Talbert-Slagle, Kevin Ahern, Nancy Staniewicz, Sheri-Lyn Lagueux and Lisa Zaccagnino. Interns were also present.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 10:30 A.M. to return to public session. So voted.

The Commission took the following action:

*Consideration of Draft Audit Reports*

It was moved by Commissioner and seconded by Commissioner to approve the issuance of the aforementioned committee draft Audit Reports 1 through 5 as Final Audit Reports. So voted.

1. "Tim Legeyt for the 17th District," Treasurer: Frances M. Hoffnagle  
Examiner: Monique Coates
2. "Riiska for 63rd," Treasurer: Matthew T. Riiska  
Examiner: Salman Munir

3. "Reelect Robert Megna," Treasurer: Frances Vessichio  
Examiner: Linda Waterman
4. "Geoff 2010," Treasurer: Michael W. Barry  
Examiner: Martin Paxi
5. "Knox 2008," Treasurer: Jay S. Sarzen  
Examiner: Susan Pulaski

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

It was moved by Commissioner Castagno and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins at 10:31 A.M. to proceed into Executive Session pursuant to C.G.S. §§ 1-200(6) (A), (B) and (E), and 1-210 (b)(2) to discuss personnel issues, added as the additional item to the agenda. So voted. Commissioners Castagno, Jenkins, Bozzuto and Stankevicius were present. Staff members present were Albert Lenge.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 11:15 A.M. to return to public session. So voted.

Ms. Kief requested a matter be added to the end of the agenda, during executive session in order to discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims and exempt records relating thereto.

*Executive Session per C.G.S. §§ 1-200(6)(B) and (E), and 1-210(b)(1),(3),(4),(10) and General Statutes § 9-7a, as amended by Public Act 11-48 § 300*

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),(10) and General Statutes § 9-7a, as amended by Public Act 11-48 § 300 to discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims and exempt records relating thereto, on the agenda. So voted. Commissioners Castagno, Jenkins, Bozzuto and Stankevicius were present. Staff members present were Shannon Kief, Albert Lenge and Sheri-Lyn Lagueux.

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

The Commission took the following action:

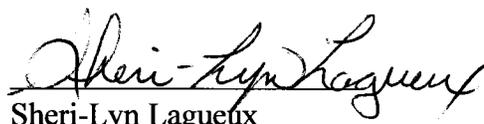
1. Recommendation of Counsel: Necessary to Investigate Determination pursuant to General Statutes § 9-7a, as amended by Public Act 11-48, § 300

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Castagno to move to make a determination that it is necessary to investigate violations relating to 1 complaint docketed as 2011-107. So voted

***VIII. Adjournment***

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 11:23 A.M. to adjourn the meeting. So voted. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes of the Commission were unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Sheri-Lyn Lagueux  
Clerk of the Commission

Adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2011 at Hartford, Connecticut.



Stephen F. Cashman  
By Order of the Commission

***The next regular scheduled meeting is October 19, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. in the 5th Floor Conference room.***