



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

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**MINUTES**  
**STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room/Via Teleconference**  
**August 21, 2015**  
**12:00 P.M.**

**I. *Call to Order***

Commissioner Castagno called the meeting to order at 12:00 P.M. Commissioner Stephen Penny was present. Commissioners Anthony Castagno, Michael Ajello, and Patricia Stankevicius were present via teleconference. Commissioner Salvatore Bramante was absent. Agency staff and members of the press were also present.

**II. *Executive Session per General Statutes §§ 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 Penny and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 12:02 P.M. to proceed into Executive Session pursuant to General Statutes §§ 1-200(6)(B) and (E), and 1-210(b)(1),(3),(4),(10) to discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims and exempt records. So voted.

Commissioner Penny was present. Commissioners Castagno, Ajello and Stankevicius were present via teleconference. Staff members present were Michael Brandi, Kevin Ahern, Ryan Burns, Andrew Cascudo, Sarah Clark, Shannon Kief, Sheri-Lyn Lagueux, and William Smith.

The Commission returned to public session at 12:11 P.M.

The Commission took the following actions in public session:

1. Recommendation of Counsel: Necessary to Investigate Determination pursuant to General Statutes §9-7b (a) (1), as amended by Public Act 11-48 §300
  - a. Recommendation of Counsel: Referral by Secretary of the State, pursuant to General Statutes §9-7b (a) (1), of a statement of potential violation of election laws.
  - b. Recommendation of Counsel: Request for authority to issue an Investigatory Subpoena

Attorney Kevin Ahern summarized that the State Elections Enforcement Commission received a referral from the Secretary of the State. Attorney Ahern asked that the Commission find it necessary to investigate the Secretary's referral. Also, pursuant to General Statutes § 9-7b and § 9-7b-28 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, Attorney Ahern requested a motion to authorize investigatory subpoenas to provide evidence relevant for a determination of the allegations of violations relevant to file number 2015-100.

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to accept the Recommendation of Counsel determining that it is necessary to investigate the matter referred by the Secretary of the State. So approved by the Commission, 4-0-0.

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to accept the Recommendation of Counsel and authorize any necessary investigatory subpoenas for this matter. So approved by the Commission, 4-0-0.

***III. Consideration of Matters Discussed in Executive Session***

All action as noted in Section II. above.

***IV. Adjournment***

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello at 12:14 P.M. to adjourn the meeting. So voted. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes of the Commission were unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sheri-Lyn Lagueux  
Clerk of the Commission

Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015 at Hartford, Connecticut.

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Anthony J. Castagno  
By Order of the Commission

