



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES
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SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING
5th Floor Conference Room
February 11, 2014
3:30 P.M.

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Castagno was present via teleconference and called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M. Commissioners Salvatore Bramante, Stephen Penny and Michael Ajello were present. Commissioner Patricia Stankevicius was present via teleconference. Agency staff was also present.

II. Executive Session per General Statutes §§ 1-200(6)(B) and (E), and 1-10(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 Bramante at 3:31 P.M. to proceed into Executive Session pursuant to General Statutes §§ 1-200(6)(B) and (E), and 1-10(b)(1),(3),(4),(10) to discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims and exempt records. So voted.

Commissioners Castagno, Stankevicius, Bramante, Penny and Ajello were present. Staff members present were Charlie Urso, Krysta Wilder, Hy Ly, Jennifer Montgomery, Henry Herschkorn, Lisa Nightingale, Kevin Ahern, Joshua Foley, Shannon Kief, Michael Brandi and Sheri-Lyn Lagueux.

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 3:37 P.M. to return to public session. So voted.

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

1. Pending Applications for the Citizens' Election Program

III. Consideration of Application for Public Grants from the Citizens' Election Fund for the Special Election of February 25, 2014

1. "Gary for Senate," Gary Winfield

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to approve the grant application "Gary for Senate," Gary Winfield. So voted by a 5-0 vote.



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2. "Mullins for Senate," Steven Mullins

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "Mullins for Senate," Steven Mullins. So voted by a 5-0 vote.

IV. Discussion of Proposed Declaratory Ruling 2013-02: Contributions to Political Committees, Independent Expenditures and State Contractor Contribution Limitations

The matter is continued.

V. Consideration of Proposed Declaratory Ruling 2014-01: Construction of the Phrase "Make or Obligate to Make" as Applied to Disclosure of Independent Expenditures

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to Adopt the Resolution and Order setting forth specified proceedings for the matter of Perkins Coie for Declaratory Ruling as follows:

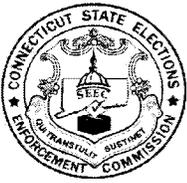
Pursuant to General Statutes § 4-176 (e) and Connecticut Agency Regulations § 9-7b-65 (c), it is hereby resolved and ordered that the following proceedings are set regarding the petition for a declaratory ruling from Perkins Coie, which was received by the Commission on October 9, 2013, containing three questions:

- (1) With regard to Question 2 of the petition, the Commission staff on February 11, 2014 shall circulate the proposed Declaratory Ruling attached hereto to all persons who have requested such notice, and shall post notice of the proposed Declaratory Ruling on the State Election Enforcement Commission's website. The comment period shall close at 11:59 p.m. on March 10, 2014. The Commission shall consider all such comments received at its regular meeting in March 19, 2014 and shall vote to issue a declaratory ruling or set further proceedings as necessary. So voted by a 5-0 vote.

VI. Executive Session per General Statutes §§ 1-200(6)(B) and (E), and 1-10(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 Ajello at 4:18 P.M. to proceed into Executive Session pursuant to General Statutes §§ 1-200(6)(B) and (E), and 1-10(b)(1),(3),(4),(10) to discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims and exempt records. So voted.

Commissioners Castagno, Stankevicius, Bramante, Penny and Ajello were present. Staff members present were Charlie Urso, Joshua Foley, Shannon Kief, Michael Brandi and Sheri-Lyn Lagueux.



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It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny at 4:55 P.M. to return to public session. So voted.

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

1. Draft Advisory Opinion 2014-01: The Use of Federal and State Accounts of Party Committees

VII. Consideration of Proposed Advisory Opinion 2014-01: The Use of Federal and State Accounts of Party Committees

Ms. Kief summarized the proposed Advisory Opinion 2014-01, The Use of Federal and State Accounts of Party Committees.

After discussion it was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to adopt Advisory Opinion 2014-01, The Use of Federal and State Accounts of Party Committees. So voted by a vote of 5-0.

VIII. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 4:57 P.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 19 day of FEB, 2014 at Hartford, Connecticut.


Anthony J. Castagno
By Order of the Commission

The next regular scheduled meeting is February 19, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. in the 5th Floor Conference room