



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES
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REGULAR MEETING

3rd Floor Conference Room
February 20, 2013
9:00 A.M.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Castagno was present and called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M. Commissioner Stephen Cashman was present and Commissioner Joan Jenkins was present via teleconference, agency staff was also present.

II. Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of January 9, 2013

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the Minutes of the January 9, 2013 Special Meeting. So voted.

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of January 16, 2013

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the Minutes of the January 16, 2013 Regular Meeting. So voted.

III. Administrative Reports

Mr. Brandi reported that SEEC staff continues to meet with legislative leadership, new chairs and the GAE Committee. Cutting the budget of a watchdog agency like SEEC would impact its autonomy and ability to ensure integrity in Connecticut's electoral process, as well as reduce public financing for qualified candidates to statewide offices and the General Assembly.

Mr. Brandi updated that personnel wise, the Legal Investigator position has been filled. SEEC has hired, Scott Branfuhr to this position who was welcomed by the Commission.

IT manager, Mann Hasen distributed the Microsoft Surface tablets to present Commissioners. These tablets will save paper and money, as well as provide for quicker delivery of agency commission agendas and packets.

Lisa Nightingale reported survey results to the Commissioners which was done of candidates and treasurers of the 2012 election cycle. SEEC received high marks for

customer service and efficiency. The survey also highlighted the increased usage of eCRIS.

IV. Pending Complaints and Investigations

A. Public Session

1. In the Matter of a Complaint by Phillip J. Penn, Burlington
File No. 2012-052
Proposed Findings & Conclusions
Respondents: Martin Liutermoza
Attorney: William B. Smith
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Smith summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2012-052. He recommended adoption of the proposed Findings & Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to adopt the proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2012-052. So voted. The proposed Findings & Conclusions are available on our website under [Commission Decisions](#).

2. In the Matter of a Complaint by James D. Diamond, Stamford
File No. 2011-139
Proposed Consent Agreements
Respondent: Kathleen Murphy and Paul J. Nadziejko
Attorney: William B. Smith
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Smith summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Consent Agreements in File No. 2011-139. He recommended adoption of the proposed Consent Agreements.

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to adopt both proposed Consent Agreements in File No. 2011-139. So voted. The proposed Consent Agreements are available on our website under [Commission Decisions](#).

3. In the Matter of a Complaint by Lynn Brewer, Winsted
File No. 2012-133
Proposed Findings & Conclusions
Respondent: David LaPoint
Attorney: Patrick J. Lamb
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Lamb summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2012-133. He recommended adoption of the proposed Findings & Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to adopt the proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2012-133. So voted. The proposed Findings & Conclusions are available on our website under [Commission Decisions](#).

4. In the Matter of a Complaint by Mary-Ellen Vollemans, Bridgeport
File No. 2012-142
Proposed Consent Agreement
Respondents: Alma L. Maya
Attorney: Kevin M. Ahern
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

The matter is continued.

5. In the Matter of a Complaint by Robert H. Berman, Bloomfield
File No. 2012-164
Proposed Consent Agreement
Respondents: David Baram
Attorney: Kevin M. Ahern

Attorney Ahern summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Consent Agreement in File No. 2012-164. He recommended adoption of the proposed Consent Agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to adopt the proposed Consent Agreement in File No. 2012-164. So voted. The proposed Consent Agreement is available on our website under [Commission Decisions](#).

6. In the Matter of a Complaint by Joseph D. Wactowski, Bloomfield
File No. 2012-193
Proposed Consent Agreement
Respondents: David A. Baram
Attorney: Kevin M. Ahern
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Ahern summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Consent Agreement in File No. 2012-193. He recommended adoption of the proposed Consent Agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to adopt the proposed Consent Agreement in File No. 2012-193. So voted. The proposed Consent Agreement is available on our website under Commission Decisions.

7. In the Matter of a Complaint by George A. Ruhe, Wethersfield
File No. 2012-054
Proposed Consent Agreement
Respondents: Michael Emmett
Attorney: James M. Talbert-Slagle
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Talbert-Slagle summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Consent Agreement in File No. 2012-054. He recommended adoption of the proposed Consent Agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to adopt the proposed Consent Agreement in File No. 2012-054. So voted. The proposed Consent Agreement is available on our website under Commission Decisions.

8. In the Matter of a Complaint by Kate W. Haakonsen, Columbia
File No. 2012-134
Proposed Findings and Conclusions
Respondents: Christopher D. Coutu and William L. Jenkins
Attorney: James M. Talbert-Slagle
Lead Legal Investigator: Charles Urso

Attorney Talbert-Slagle summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2012-134. He recommended adoption of the proposed Findings & Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to adopt the proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2012-134. So voted. The proposed Findings & Conclusions are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

- V. ***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 Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins at 9:25 A.M. to proceed into executive session. So voted.

Commissioners Castagno and Cashman were present and Commissioner Jenkins was present via teleconference. Staff members present were, Kevin Ahern, Michael Brandi, Shannon Kief, Evelyn Gratacos, Lindsey Leung, William Smith, James Talbert-Slagle, Patrick Lamb, Gilberto Oyola, Lisa Nightingale, Scott Branfuhr, Matt Pribula, Mann Hasen, and Sheri-Lyn Lagueux.

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins at 9:54 A.M. to return to public session. So voted.

The Commission returning to public session took the following action:

1. In the Matter of a Complaint by Larry Price, West Hartford
File No. 2011-130
Proposed Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: James M. Talbert-Slagle
Lead Legal Investigator: Charlie Urso

The matter is continued.

2. In the Matter of a Complaint by Minnie Gonzalez, Hartford
File No. 2012-081
Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: Kevin M. Ahern
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

The matter is continued.

3. In the Matter of a Complaint by Ramon L. Arroyo, Hartford
File No. 2012-082
Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: Kevin M. Ahern
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

The matter is continued.

4. In the Matter of a Complaint by Martin Knight, Middletown
File No. 2012-174
Attorney: Kevin M. Ahern

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to authorize the withdrawal of action in File No. 2012-174. So voted.

5. In Re: SEEC Initiated Christina Ayala and Santa Ayala, Hartford
File No. 2012-237
Consideration of Request for Investigatory Subpoena
Attorney: Kevin M. Ahern

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to authorize the Request for Investigatory Subpoena in File No. 2012-237. So voted.

6. In the Matter of a Complaint by Daniel Garrett, Hamden
File No. 2012-154
Proposed Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: Patrick J. Lamb

The matter is continued.

7. Non-Filer Investigations and Prosecutions

General Settlement Authorization for Supplemental Filers for the 2012
General Election Cycle and a Determination that Such Filers are
Necessary to Investigate

The matter is continued.

8. In the Matter of a Complaint by William L. Jenkins, Chaplin
File No. 2012-140
Proposed Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: William B. Smith
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

The matter is continued.

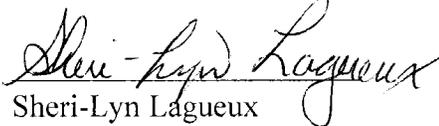
9. Recommendation of Counsel: Necessary to Investigate Determination
pursuant to General Statutes §9-7a, as amended by Public Act 11-48 §300

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to move to make a determination that it is necessary to investigate violations relating to 3 complaints in File Nos.: 2013-004, 2013-005, 2013-006. So voted.

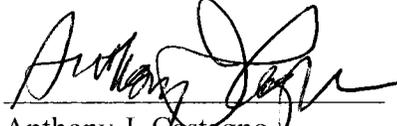
VI. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Cashman at 9:58 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 20th day of March, 2013 at Hartford, Connecticut.


Anthony J. Castagno
By Order of the Commission

The next regular scheduled meeting is March 20, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. in the 5th Floor Conference room.