



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**

**April 17, 2013**

**9:00 A.M.**

***I. Call to Order***

Chairman Anthony Castagno was present and called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M. Commissioners Stephen Cashman and Patricia Stankevicius were both present, agency staff was also present.

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

*Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 20, 2013*

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the Minutes of the March 20, 2013 regular meeting. So voted.

***III. Administrative Reports***

Mr. Brandi reported that the budget will come out of the Appropriations Committee this Friday. SEEC staff is active in opposing cuts to staff and resources, which would undermine the efficiency and independence of the watchdog agency.

The Citizen's Election Program gave qualified candidates approximately \$10.5 million in public grants for their campaigns. SEEC expects \$1.1 to 1.2 million to be returned to the CEP.

Three legislative bills are going forward to the House and Senate for approval, these relate to prior bad acts, commissioner appointments and a pilot program for municipal campaign filings.

Mr. Brandi reports that personnel wise, there remains three unfilled SEEC positions. As a result, SEEC should have a surplus at the end of the fiscal year. Chairman Castagno appreciates the effort staff has made in testifying before and meeting with the GAE and Appropriations Committees.

Mr. Brandi, Mann Hasen, Nancy Staniewicz, and Kevin Ahern attended the Town Clerk's Spring Conference in Norwalk.

**IV. Pending Complaints and Investigations**

**A. Public Session**

1. In the Matter of a Complaint by Daniel Garrett, Hamden  
File No. 2012-154A  
Proposed Consent Agreements  
Respondents: Anthony Esposito and Rose Mentone  
Attorney: Patrick J. Lamb

Attorney Lamb summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Consent Agreements in File No. 2012-154A. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Consent Agreements.

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the Proposed Consent Agreements in File No. 2012-154A. So voted. The Proposed Consent Agreements are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

2. In the Matter of a Complaint by Daniel Garrett, Hamden  
File No. 2012-154B  
Proposed Findings and Conclusions  
Respondent: Vera Morrison  
Attorney: Patrick J. Lamb

Attorney Lamb summarized the above referenced complaint and Proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2012-154B. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Findings and Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the Proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2012-154B. So voted. The Proposed Findings and Conclusions are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

3. In Re: a Referral by the Secretary of the State, Hartford  
File No. 2012-187  
Proposed Consent Agreement  
Respondent: George M. Souto  
Attorney: Kevin M. Ahern

Attorney Ahern summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Consent Agreement in File No. 2012-187. He recommended adoption of the proposed Consent Agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the Proposed Consent Agreement in File No. 2012-187. So voted. The Proposed Consent Agreement is available on our website under Commission Decisions.

4. In the Matter of a Complaint by Nancy J. DiNardo, Hartford

File No. 2012-152

Proposed Findings and Conclusions

Respondents: Americans for Prosperity, Len Suzio and  
David White  
Attorney: Kevin M. Ahern  
Lead Legal Investigator: Charlie Urso

Attorney Ahern summarized the above referenced complaint and Proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2012-152. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Findings and Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the Proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2012-152. So voted. The Proposed Findings and Conclusions are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

5. In the Matter of a Complaint by Ralph Arena, Hartford

File No. 2012-048

Proposed Findings and Conclusions

Respondent: Olga I. Vasquez  
Attorney: Kevin M. Ahern  
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Ahern summarized the above referenced complaint and Proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2012-048. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Findings and Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the Proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2012-048. So voted. The Proposed Findings and Conclusions are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

6. In the Matter of a Complaint by Lesa C. Peters, Woodbury

File No. 2012-001

Proposed Consent Agreement

Respondent: Louis C. DeLuca  
Attorney: William B. Smith  
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Smith summarized the above referenced complaint and Proposed Consent Agreement in File No. 2012-001. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Consent Agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the Proposed Consent Agreement in File No. 2012-001.

So voted. The Proposed Consent Agreement is available on our website under Commission Decisions.

7. In the Matter of a Complaint by Lesa C. Peters, Woodbury

File No. 2012-002

Proposed Consent Agreements

Respondents: Barbara K. Perkinson and Gerald D. Stomski

Attorney: William B. Smith

Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Smith summarized the above referenced complaint and Proposed Consent Agreements in File No. 2012-002. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Consent Agreements.

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the Proposed Consent Agreements in File No. 2012-002. So voted. The Proposed Consent Agreements are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

8. In the Matter of a Complaint by Lesa C. Peters, Woodbury

File No. 2012-003

Proposed Consent Agreement

Respondent: Nancy Mackey

Attorney: William B. Smith

Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Smith summarized the above referenced complaint and Proposed Consent Agreement in File No. 2012-003. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Consent Agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the Proposed Consent Agreement, as it relates to Respondent Nancy Mackey, in File No. 2012-003. So voted. The Proposed Consent Agreement is available on our website under Commission Decisions.

9. In the Matter of a Complaint by Jack Wallace, Bridgeport

File No. 2012-155

Proposed Findings and Conclusions

Respondent: Joe Hill

Attorney: William B. Smith

Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Smith summarized the above referenced complaint and Proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2012-155. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Findings and Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2012-155. So voted. The Proposed Findings and Conclusions are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

10. In the Matter of a Complaint by Murray Martin, Ridgefield  
File No. 2012-006  
Proposed Consent Agreement  
Respondents: Murray Martin  
Attorney: William B. Smith

Attorney Smith summarized the above referenced complaint and Proposed Consent Agreement in File No. 2012-006. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Consent Agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the Proposed Consent Agreement in File No. 2012-006. So voted. The Proposed Consent Agreement is available on our website under Commission Decisions.

11. In the Matter of a Complaint by Carole A. Dmytryshak, Salisbury  
File No. 2012-197  
Proposed Findings and Conclusions  
Respondent: Vivian R. Nasiatka  
Attorney: James M. Talbert-Slagle  
Lead Legal Investigator: Charlie Urso

Attorney Talbert-Slagle summarized the above referenced complaint and Proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2012-197. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Findings and Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the Proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2012-197. So voted. The Proposed Findings and Conclusions are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

12. In the Matter of a Complaint by Robert Walsh, Bridgeport  
File No. 2012-090  
Proposed Findings and Conclusions  
Respondents: Robert Walsh  
Attorney: James M. Talbert-Slagle  
Lead Legal Investigator: Charlie Urso

Attorney Talbert-Slagle summarized the above referenced complaint and Proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2012-090. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Findings and Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the Proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2012-090. So voted. The Proposed Findings and 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 Stankevicius to add discussion of personnel matters to the Executive Session.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 9:40 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 matters and 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. So voted.

Commissioners Castagno, Cashman and Stankevicius were present. Staff members present were, Kevin Ahern, Michael Brandi, Shannon Kief, Evelyn Gratacos, Lindsey Leung, William Smith, James Talbert-Slagle, Patrick Lamb, Charlie Urso, Gilberto Oyola, Nancy Staniewicz, Paige Adams, Salman Munir, Marianne Sadowski, Hy Ly, Scott Branfuhr, Matt Pribula, Mann Hasen, and Sheri-Lyn Lagueux.

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 10:00 A.M. to return to public session. So voted.

1. In the Matter of a Complaint by Deborah Evangelista, West Haven  
File No. 2010-039  
Recommendation of Counsel  
Attorney: Kevin M. Ahern  
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

This matter is continued.

2. In Re: A Referral of Wilton Town Clerk and Registrar of Voters  
File No. 2012-168  
Recommendation of Counsel  
Attorney: Kevin M. Ahern

This matter is continued.

### 3. Non-Filer Investigations and Prosecutions

- a. Pursuant to Section 9-7b-35 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, Proposed Findings for a Reason to Believe Violation has been Committed Concerning Delinquent Filings, Violations under Section 9-608(a) (1). Based upon referrals by the SEEC Campaign Disclosure and Audit Unit.

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius That the Commission finds reason to believe that respondents violated Connecticut General Statute 9-608(a) for File Nos. 2013-022NF, 2013-023NF, 2013-024NF, 2013-025NF, 2013-026NF, 2013-027NF, 2013-028NF, 2013-029NF, 2013-030NF, 2013-031NF, 2013-032NF, 2013-034NF, 2013-035NF and 2013-036NF. So voted.

- b. In Re: SEEC Initiated “Connecticut Next,” Hartford  
File No. 2013-026NF  
Proposed Findings and Conclusions  
Attorney: Patrick Lamb

Attorney Lamb summarized the above referenced complaint and Proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2013-026NF. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Findings and Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the Proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2013-026NF. So voted. The Proposed Findings and Conclusions are available on our website under [Commission Decisions](#).

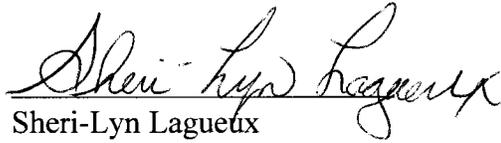
### 4. Motion to Initiate Investigation

No action taken.

## ***VII. Adjournment***

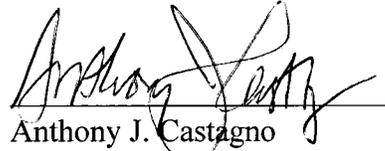
It was moved by Commissioner Cashman and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 10:03 A.M. to adjourn the meeting. So voted. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes of the Commission were unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,



Sheri-Lyn Laguetux  
Clerk of the Commission

Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013 at Hartford, Connecticut.



Anthony J. Castagno  
By Order of the Commission

***The next regular scheduled meeting is May 15, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. in the 5th Floor Conference room.***