



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

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REGULAR MEETING
5th Floor Conference Room
September 6, 2012
4:15 P.M.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Cashman was present and called the meeting to order at 4:15 P.M. Commissioners Anthony Castagno, Joan Jenkins and Patricia Stankevicius were present via teleconference. Agency staff was also present.

Commissioner Cashman requested an executive session be added to the agenda. It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to add an executive session to the agenda following the consideration of applications for public grants from the citizens' election fund. So voted.

II. Administrative Report

Michael Brandi advised that he was waiving all administrative reports for this meeting.

III. Consideration of Application for Public Grants from the Citizens' Election Fund

1. "Friends of David Dwyer," David J Dwyer

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "Friends of David Dwyer," David J Dwyer. So voted.

2. "John Murphy 2012," John P. Murphy

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "John Murphy 2012," John P. Murphy. So voted.

3. "Stan Soby For State Representative," Stanley Soby

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "Stan Soby For State Representative," Stanley Soby. So voted.

4. "Committee To Elect Mike Doyle For State Senate," Michael Doyle

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "Committee To Elect Mike Doyle For State Senate," Michael Doyle. So voted.

5. "Lopes For State Representative," Rick Lopes

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "Lopes For State Representative," Rick Lopes. So voted.

6. "Pollard2012," Michael Pollard

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "Pollard2012," Michael Pollard. So voted.

7. "Giegler 138," Janice Giegler

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "Giegler 138," Janice Giegler. So voted.

8. "Ancona 2012," Benjamin Ancona

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "Ancona 2012," Benjamin Ancona. So voted.

9. "Sandy Nafis 2012," Sandra H Nafis

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "Sandy Nafis 2012," Sandra H Nafis. So voted.

10. "Vote Christiano 2012," Tom Christiano

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to continue without prejudice the grant application "Vote Christiano 2012," Tom Christiano. So voted.

11. "Friends of Lisa Romano," Lisa W Romano

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "Friends of Lisa Romano," Lisa W Romano. So voted.

12. "Aman For South Windsor," William Aman

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "Aman For South Windsor," William Aman. So voted.

13. "Shaban For State Rep," John T Shaban

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "Shaban For State Rep," John T Shaban. So voted.

14. "Friends of Guerrera 2012," Antonio Guerrera

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "Friends of Guerrera 2012," Antonio Guerrera. So voted.

15. "Cassano 4 Senate," Stephen Cassano

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "Cassano 4 Senate," Stephen Cassano. So voted.

16. "Paulmeno For State Representative," Stephanie Paulmeno

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant "Paulmeno For State Representative," Stephanie Paulmeno. So voted.

17. "Friends of David Rafferty," David Rafferty

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant "Friends of David Rafferty," David Rafferty. So voted.

18. “Abercrombie 2012,” Catherine F Abercrombie

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant “Abercrombie 2012,” Catherine F Abercrombie. So voted.

IV. 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 Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 4:22 P.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. So voted.

Commissioner Cashman was present, Commissioners Castagno, Jenkins and Stankevicius were present via teleconference. Staff members present were William B. Smith, Charlie Urso, Kevin Ahern, Mann Hasen, Michael Brandi, Shannon Kief and Sheri-Lyn Lagueux.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 4:34 P.M. to return to public session. So voted.

Returning to Public Session, 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

Upon review of two recommendations of counsel for the “Friends of Victor Cuevas” campaign, there is a motion that the commission initiate an investigation into the Victor Cuevas campaign specifically with respect to the receipt of straw contributions and anything related thereto.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to move to make a determination that it is necessary to initiate an investigation into the “Friends of Victor Cuevas” campaign with respect to the receipt of straw contributions and anything related thereto. So voted.

Commission upon its own authority will initiate an investigation in conjunction with other state and federal law enforcement agencies associated with the “Friends of Victor Cuevas” campaign.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to move to make a determination that it is necessary to initiate an investigation into the "Friends of Victor Cuevas" campaign. So voted.

V. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 4:3 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 19th day of September, 2012 at Hartford, Connecticut.



Stephen F. Cashman
By Order of the Commission

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 4:15 P.M., in the 5th floor Garfield Room.