



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

**DRAFT MINUTES
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

**5th Floor Conference Room
November 14, 2012
9:00 A.M.**

I. Call to Order

Chairman Cashman was present and called the meeting to order at 9:03 A.M. Commissioners Anthony Castagno and Patricia Stankevicius were present, agency staff was also present.

II. Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 11, 2012
Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 17, 2012
Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 19, 2012
Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 24, 2012

It was moved by Commissioner Stankevicius and seconded by Commissioner Castagno to approve the Minutes of the October 11, 2012 Regular Meeting, the October 17, 2012 Regular Meeting, the October 19, 2012 Regular Meeting and the October 24, 2012 Regular Meeting. So voted.

III. Miscellaneous Resolutions

1. The Commission was presented by staff with a resolution proposing the 2013 Regular Meeting Schedule. It was moved by Commissioner Stankevicius and seconded by Commissioner Castagno to adopt the proposed 2013 SEEC Regular Meeting Schedule. So voted.
2. The Commission was presented by counsel with a resolution that, in light of the extraordinary circumstances, it will not be deemed to be a failure to file, under General Statutes Sec. 9-623 (b) (1), on November 1, 2012, if such filings are filed within the 21 day period set forth in General Statutes Sec. 9-623 (b) (2). The Commission will not seek to collect the statutory \$100 late fee from filers who file within the 21 days period set forth in General Statutes Sec. 9-623 (b) (2). It was moved by Commissioner Stankevicius and seconded by Commissioner Castagno to adopt said resolution. So voted.
3. The Commission was presented by counsel with a resolution not to prosecute town clerks who exercise reasonable discretion as to the imposition of late filing fees for

failure to file the November 1, 2012 filings due to disruptions caused by Storm Sandy. It was moved by Commissioner Stankevicius and seconded by Commissioner Castagno to adopt said resolution. So voted.

IV. Administrative Reports

Mr. Brandi reported on the election day hotline updating that the SEEC handled 600 election related calls including some from other states as the SEEC's number was posted as a national hotline number. SEEC did have constant contact during the day with the Secretary of the State's office, the FBI and U.S. Attorney's office. SEEC was trying to track any issues nationwide that we should have been aware of. SEEC is expecting an upswing in enforcement matters as a result of election day activities and complaints.

Mr. Brandi advised the Commission that there are still four vacancies to be filled. The tests have been concluded through DAS for the Director of Disclosure and Audit as well as the Legal Investigator Position and SEEC is awaiting the next steps to the process. It is hoped to have these done by the first of the year.

Mr. Brandi updated the Commission that the audit lottery has been conducted successfully and campaign committees have been selected for audit.

Regarding construction on the first floor build out, SEEC is awaiting to see any further developments.

V. Pending Complaints and Investigations

A. Public Session

1. In the Matter of a Complaint by William P. Horan, Jr., East Hartford
File Nos. 2011-126
Proposed Consent Order & Agreement
Respondent: Maria A. Tatasciore
Attorney: William B. Smith
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Smith summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File No. 2011-126. He recommended adoption of the proposed Consent Order & Agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Stankevicius and seconded by Commissioner Castagno to adopt as amended the proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File No. 2011-126. So voted. The proposed Consent Order & Agreement are available on our website under [Commission Decisions](#).

2. In the Matter of a Complaint by Catherine Malek, Brookfield
File Nos. 2011-132 & 2011-133
Proposed Consent Orders & Agreements

Respondent: Robin Appleby
Attorney: William B. Smith
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Smith summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File Nos. 2011-132 & 2011-133. He recommended adoption of the proposed Consent Order & Agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Stankevicius and seconded by Commissioner Castagno to adopt the proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File Nos. 2011-132 & 2011-133. So voted. The proposed Consent Order & Agreement are available on our website under [Commission Decisions](#).

3. In the Matter of a Complaint by Jack Testani, Trumbull
File No. 2011-143
Proposed Consent Order & Agreement

Respondent: Mary Markham
Attorney: William B. Smith
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Smith summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File No. 2011-143. He recommended adoption of the proposed Consent Order & Agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Stankevicius and seconded by Commissioner Castagno to adopt the proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File No. 2011-143. So voted. The proposed Consent Order & Agreement are available on our website under [Commission Decisions](#).

4. In Re: SEEC Initiated "Brenda 2010," Hartford
File No. 2012-010
Proposed Consent Order & Agreement

Respondent: Michael E. Hahn
Attorney: James Talbert Slagle
Lead Legal Investigator: Charlie Urso

Attorney Talbert Slagle summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File No. 2012-010. He recommended adoption of the proposed Consent Order & Agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Stankevicius and seconded by Commissioner Castagno to adopt the proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File No. 2012-010 upon receipt within ten days. So voted. The proposed Consent Order & Agreement will be available on our website under [Commission Decisions](#) once received.

VI. 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 Stankevicius and seconded by Commissioner Castagno at 9:21 A.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.

Commissioners Cashman, Castagno and Stankevicius were present. Staff members present were Nancy Staniewicz, Joshua Foley, William B. Smith, Kevin Ahern, James Talbert-Smith, Patrick Lamb, Andrew Cascudo, Paige Adams, Patricia Anderson, Lindsey Leung, Dinorah Collado, Shannon Kief, Michael Brandi, Evelyn Gratacos and Sheri-Lyn Lagueux.

It was moved by Commissioner Stankevicius and seconded by Commissioner Castagno at 9:49 A.M. to return to public session. So voted.

Returning to Public Session, the Commission took the following action:

1. In the Matter of a Complaint by Malcolm Barlow, Manchester
File No. 2012-143
Proposed Findings & Conclusions
Attorney: Patrick J. Lamb
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Lamb summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2012-143. He recommended adoption of the proposed Findings & Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Stankevicius and seconded by Commissioner Castagno to adopt as amended the proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2012-143. So voted. The proposed Findings & Conclusions are available on our website under [Commission Decisions](#).

2. In the Matter of a Complaint by Pamela Viens, Columbia
File No. 2012-121
Proposed Findings & Conclusions
Attorney: Patrick J. Lamb
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Lamb summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2012-121. He recommended adoption of the proposed Findings & Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Stankevicius and seconded by Commissioner Castagno to adopt the proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2012-121. So voted. The proposed Findings & Conclusions are available on our website under [Commission Decisions](#).

3. In the Matter of a Complaint by Joan Coe, Simsbury
File No. 2012-148
Proposed Findings & Conclusions
Attorney: Patrick J. Lamb
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Lamb summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2012-148. He recommended adoption of the proposed Findings & Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Stankevicius and seconded by Commissioner Castagno to adopt as amended the proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2012-148. So voted. The proposed Findings & Conclusions are available on our website under [Commission Decisions](#).

4. In the Matter of a Complaint by Georgiana Holloway, Hartford
File No. 2010-048
Proposed Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: James Talbert-Slagle
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

The matter is continued.

5. In the Matter of a Complaint by Amalia Skilton, New Haven
File No. 2011-136
Proposed Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: William B. Smith
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

The matter is continued.

6. 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 Stankevicius and seconded by Commissioner Castagno to move to make a determination that it is necessary to investigate violations relating to 10 complaints in File Nos.: 2012-143, 2012-145, 2012-148, 2012-149, 2012-150, 2012-151, 2012-152, 2012-153, 2012-155 and 2012-156. So voted.

VII. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Stankevicius and seconded by Commissioner Castagno at 9:55 A.M. to adjourn the meeting. So voted. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes of the Commission were unanimous.

The next regular scheduled meeting is December 19, 2012 at 9:00 A.M. via teleconference in the 5th Floor Conference room.