MINUTES
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

5th Floor Conference Room
July 25, 2012
9:00 A.M.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Cashman, was present and called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Commissioners Anthony Castagno, Joan Jenkins and Patricia Stankevicius were present and agency staff was also present.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to add to the agenda five committees, "Committee to Elect James Crawford," "Robles 2012," "Esposito 2012," "Friends of Harry Shaker" and "Osten 2012" as items 15-19 to Consideration of Application for Public Grants from the Citizens' Election Fund. So voted.

II. Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of June 20, 2012
Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of June 27, 2012
Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of July 5, 2012
Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of July 12, 2012

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the Minutes of the June 20, 2012 Regular Meeting, the June 27, 2012 Regular Meeting, the July 5, 2012 Regular Meeting and the July 12, 2012 Regular Meeting. So voted.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to add to the agenda an Executive Session pursuant to 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 to discuss preliminary draft and agency consideration of enforcement actions and exempt records relative thereto. So voted.

III. *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 9:03 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, Jenkins and Stankevicius were present. Staff members present were Nancy Staniewicz, Charlie Urso, Lisa Zaccagnino, Marty Mack, Marianne Sadowski, Jennifer Montgomery, Lindsey Leung, Patrick Lamb, Salman Munir, Martin Paxi, Paige Adams, Kevin Ahern, Shannon Kief, Michael J. Brandi, and Sheri-Lyn Lagueux.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 9:17 A.M. to return to public session. So voted. No votes were taken.

IV. Administrative Reports

Mr. Brandi updated commission staff on the processing of commission grants. All staff has been doing a tremendous job in moving the applications along.

Mr. Brandi reported that eCRIS filings are exceeding expectations. For CEP candidates filings on eCRIS is in excess of 83% which is making our job much easier in terms of time lines where the applications are processed immediately upon receipt instead of having them data entered for paper filers which costs an extra day and as well as the data entry cost.

Mr. Brandi advised that for the recent July filings, there were 1091 committees, 96% filed on time with 55% via eCRIS. Outreach to committees related to eCRIS seems to be working well.

Mr. Brandi reported that as of today, there are 383 registered candidate committees for the upcoming election. 207 have already declared to participate in the CEP. We expect that number to rise.

Mr. Brandi updated that as of today, 82 CEP grants have been approved, before the ones we act on today. The blackout period for the primary will be ending today, so general applications will be processed.

Mr. Brandi reported that ongoing training sessions for treasurers have been well received. Attendance has been very high and we are getting a lot of good education out there and participation with the treasurers.

Mr. Brandi advised that, there is a statutory Governors' report which SEEC will prepare in August.

Mr. Brandi reported that two new accounting trainees will be starting this Friday. This is a result of the additional help that was given to us in the budget starting for July 1, 2012. They will commence their employment with the agency on Friday and their training will start immediately

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

1. "McLachlan 2012," Michael McLachlan

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

2. "Klinck For Senate," Mary Ellen Klinck

   It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application for "Klinck For Senate," Mary Ellen Klinck. So voted.

3. "Don Trinks 2012," Donald Trinks

   It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application for "Don Trinks 2012," Donald Trinks. So voted.

4. "Luna for State Representative 2012," Victor Luna

   It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application for "Luna for State Representative 2012," Victor Luna. So voted.

5. "Angel Reyes for State Representative," Angel Reyes

   It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application for "Angel Reyes for State Representative," Angel Reyes. So voted.

6. "Scribner 107," David Scribner

   It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application for "Scribner 107," David Scribner. So voted.

7. "Roche For Senate 2012," David Roche

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Roche For Senate 2012," David Roche. So voted.

8. "Genga 2012," Henry Genga

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

9. "Hoffstatter For State Representative," Ted Hoffstatter

   It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Hoffstatter For State Representative," Ted Hoffstatter. So voted.

10. "Vivian 2012," Vivian Nasiatka

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

11. "Art Linares For State Senate," Art Linares

    It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Art Linares For State Senate," Art Linares. So voted.

12. "Friends of Roland Lemar," Roland Lemar

    It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Friends of Roland Lemar," Roland Lemar. So voted.

13. "Sear 2012," Brian Sear

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

14. "Laura Hoydick For State Representative," Laura Hoydick

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

15. "Committee to Elect James Crawford," James Crawford

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application for "Committee to Elect James Crawford," James Crawford. So voted.

16. "Robles 2012," Hector Robles

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

17. "Esposito 2012," Louis Esposito

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

18. "Friends of Harry Shaker," Harry Shaker

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application for "Friends of Harry Shaker," Harry Shaker. So voted.

19. "Osten 2012," Catherine Osten

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

VI. Pending Complaints and Investigations

A. Public Session

1. In the Matter of a Complaint by Gregory Morehead, New Haven
   File No. 2009-146
   Proposed Findings & Conclusions

Respondents:	Lisa Hopkins
Attorney:	William B. Smith
Lead Legal Investigator:	Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Ahern summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2009-146. He recommended adoption of the proposed Findings & Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2009-

146. So voted. The proposed Findings & Conclusions are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

2. In the Matter of a Complaint by Ohan Karagozian, New Haven
File No. 2012-105
Proposed Findings & Conclusions

Respondents:	Abdias Rodriguez
Attorney:	William B. Smith
Lead Legal Investigator:	Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Ahern summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2012-105. He recommended adoption of the proposed Findings & Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2012-105. So voted. The proposed Findings & Conclusions are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

3. In the Matter of a Complaint by Michael Banziruk, Torrington
File No. 2012-013
Proposed Findings & Conclusions

Attorney:	William B. Smith
Lead Legal Investigator:	Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Ahern summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2012-013. He recommended adoption of the proposed Findings & Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2012-013. So voted. The proposed Findings & Conclusions are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

4. In the Matter of a Complaint by David Reed, Somers, CT
File No. 2011-138
Consent Order & Agreement

Respondent:	Mark Murdoch
Attorney:	Kevin Ahern
Lead Legal Investigator:	Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Ahern summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File No. 2011-138. He recommended adoption of the proposed Findings & Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File No. 2011-138. So voted. The proposed Consent order & Agreement are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

VII. 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 9:36 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, Jenkins and Stankevicius were present. Staff members present were Nancy Staniewicz, Charlie Urso, Lisa Zaccagnino, Marty Mack, Marianne Sadowski, Jennifer Montgomery, Lindsey Leung, Patrick Lamb, Salman Munir, Martin Paxi, Paige Adams, Kevin Ahern, Shannon Kief, Michael J. Brandi, and Sheri-Lyn Lagueux.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 9:48 A.M. to return to public session. So voted. No votes were taken.

1. In the Matter of a Complaint by Barbara Bongiolatti, Morris
   File No. 2009-089
   Recommendation of Counsel – Request for Withdrawal
   Attorney: Kevin Ahern
   Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

   It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the Request for Withdrawal in File No. 2009-089. So voted.

2. In the Matter of a Complaint by Jason Bartlett, Bethel
   File No. 2011-107
   Request for Designation of Hearing Officer
   Attorney: Kevin Ahern
   Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

   It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the Proposed Consent Order subject to receipt within 10 days and the Designation of a Hearing Officer and in File No. 2011-107. So

voted. Commissioner Cashman designated Michael Brandi as Hearing Officer for File No. 2011-107.

3. In the Matter of a Complaint by Pasquale Salemi, East Hartford
   File No. 2010-091
   Recommendation of Counsel
   Attorney: Patrick J. Lamb
   Lead Legal Investigator: Charlie Urso

   Attorney Lamb summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2010-091. He recommended adoption of the proposed Findings & Conclusions.

   It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2010-091. So voted. The proposed Findings & Conclusions are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

4. In re: SEEC Initiated "Campaign McCrory 2010"
   File No. 2012-027
   Recommendation of Counsel
   Attorney: Patrick J. Lamb
   Lead Legal Investigator: Charlie Urso

   It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to issue an Investigatory Subpoena in File No. 2012-027. So voted.

5. In the Matter of a Complaint by Jeffrey Shorts, Coventry
   File No. 2012-055
   Recommendation of Counsel
   Attorney: Patrick J. Lamb
   Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

   The matter is continued

6. Recommendation of Counsel: General Authorization to Settle Failure of Treasurers to Timely File Statements Matters and Failure of Candidates to Timely File Registrations Matters, Violations of General Statutes §§9-603, 9-604 or 9-608, Governed Under §9-623

   The matter is continued

7. Recommendation of Counsel: Updated General Authorization to Resolve Attribution Complaints Concerning Written Communications, Potential Violations of §9-621 (a).

   It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to authorize the General Authority to resolve attribution complaints concerning written communications, potential violations of §9-621 (a). So voted.

8. Recommendation of Counsel: SEEC and Prosecutorial Discretion.

   No action is required

9. In Re: Cornwall Republican Town Committee
   File Nos. 2011-016NF and 2011-078
   Proposed Recommendation of Counsel
   Attorney: William B. Smith
   Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

   The matter is continued

10. 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 Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to move to make a determination that it is necessary to investigate violations relating to 5 complaints in File Nos.: 2012-079, 2012-080, 2012-081, 2012-082 and 2012-083. So voted.

VIII. Executive Session per General Statutes §§ 1-200(6)(A), (B) and (E), and 1-210(b)(2)

(Discussion of personnel matters)

No votes were taken

IX. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 10:49 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 22nd day of August, 2012 at Hartford, Connecticut.

Stephen F. Cashman
By Order of the Commission

The next regular scheduled meeting is August 1, 2012 at 4:00 P.M. via teleconference in the 5th Floor Conference room.