MINUTES
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
5th Floor Conference Room
February 15, 2012
9:00 A.M.

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Cashman called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Commissioners Jenkins, Castagno, Bozzuto and Stankevicius were present. Agency staff was also present.

II. Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the Minutes
Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of January 18, 2012
Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of February 3, 2012

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to Approve the Minutes of the January 18, 2012 Regular Meeting. So voted.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to Approve the Minutes of the February 3, 2012 Special Meeting. So voted.

III. Administrative Reports

Add item regarding Request to Waive the Random Audit as Item 1a to the pending complaints.

Moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius. So voted.

Remove item #3 and item #9 from public session. Matters to be continued.
Moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto. So voted.

Ms. Kief reported on the number of registered committees and current participation numbers for the CEP. Currently 60 candidates have registered with the SEEC and 20 candidates have filed their paperwork in order to participate in the Program.

Ms. Kief provided further updates as to the current status of the Program including funding and staffing levels as well as possible legislative initiatives.

Mr. Hasen updated the Commission as to IT enhancements and upgrades including to the SEEC website, posting of the redeveloped fillable SEEC Form 20.

Mr. Hasen also discussed modifications to the SEEC's internal operating systems.

Mr. Neumon summarized the audits – over the last 4-5 weeks the audit staff has gone from 36% to 63% completion.

Mr. Neumon raised a request to waive the random audit for the District 24 Special Election which occurred.

Motion to not include the 24th assembly district special election which occurred January 10, 2012. It was moved Commissioner Bozzuto seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to waive the random audit. So voted.

Ms. Adams summarized the commission's review of the Consumer Price Index Adjustments to limits on Meal Expenditures as Set Forth in Citizens' Election Program Regulations.

Ms. Adams reviewed the meal amounts which under CEP regulations state that the figures may be updated in 2012 and 2014 on CPI index, however, the 4.5% increase in the CPI breaks down to 68 cents for breakfast, 90 cents for lunch and $1.35 per dinner. Ms. Adams recommends that since this is such a small incremental increase, the increase is unnecessary.

Motion to acknowledge that the calculation has been made based upon the statutory requirement, but that the regulations will not change for the 2012 election cycle. The reimbursements will remain for the 2012 election cycle. It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to not change the meal expenditures. So voted.

IV. Pending Complaints and Investigations

A. Public Session

1. In the Matter of a Complaint by Mel Thompson, Derby
File No. 2010-078
Proposed Findings & Conclusions

Respondents:	Anita Duggatto, Samuel Rizzitelli, Elio Morgan, Derby DTC
Attorney:	William B. Smith
Lead Legal Investigator:	Gilberto Oyola

Attorney William B. Smith summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2010-078. He recommended adoption of the proposed Findings & Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins adopt the proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2010-078. So voted. The proposed Findings & Conclusions are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

2. In the Matter of a Complaint by Daniel Gaita, Bethel
File No. 2009-083
Proposed Consent Order & Agreements

Respondents:	S. Lawrence Craybas, Nicholas J. Gazetos, and Paul R. Szatkowski
Attorney:	William B. Smith
Lead Legal Investigator:	Gilberto Oyola

Attorney William B. Smith summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File No. 2009-083. He recommended adoption of the proposed Consent Order & Agreement as to Respondent Paul R. Szatkowski.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to adopt the proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File No. 2009-083 as to Respondent Paul R. Szatkowski. So voted. The proposed Consent Order & Agreement are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

Attorney William B. Smith summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File No. 2009-083. He recommended adoption of the proposed Consent Order & Agreements upon receipt within 10 days as to Respondents S. Lawrence Craybas and Nicholas J. Gazetos.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to adopt the proposed Consent Order & Agreements in File No. 2009-083 upon receipt within 10 days as to Respondents S. Lawrence Craybas and Nicholas J. Gazetos. So voted. The proposed Consent Order & Agreements will be available on our website upon receipt under Commission Decisions.

3. In the Matter of a Complaint by John McNamara, New Britain
File No. 2009-111
Proposed Consent Order & Agreement

Respondent:	Henry S. Plaut
Attorney:	William B. Smith
Lead Legal Investigator:	Gilberto Oyola

The matter is continued.

4. In the Matter of a Complaint by Randy T. Petroniro, Sr., Wolcott
File No. 2009-113
Proposed Consent Order & Agreement

Respondents:	Randy T. Petroniro, Sr.
Attorney:	William B. Smith
Lead Legal Investigator:	Gilberto Oyola

Attorney William B. Smith summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File No. 2009-113. He recommended adoption of the proposed Consent Order & Agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to adopt the proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File No. 2009-113. So voted. The proposed Consent Order & Agreement are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

5. In the Matter of a Complaint by Preston D. Shultz, Woodstock
File No. 2009-054
Proposed Consent Order & Agreement

Respondent:	Tamara Doyon
Attorney:	William B. Smith
Lead Legal Investigator:	Gilberto Oyola

Attorney William B. Smith summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File No.2009-054. He recommended adoption of the proposed Consent Order & Agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to adopt the proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File No. 2009-054. So voted. The proposed Consent Order & Agreement are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

6. In the Matter of a Complaint by Bryan Stephens, Darien
File No. 2009-008
Proposed Consent Order & Agreement

Respondent:	Gwynne L. Grimes
Attorney:	William B. Smith
Lead Legal Investigator:	Gilberto Oyola

Attorney William B. Smith summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File No. 2009-008. He recommended adoption of the proposed Consent Order & Agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File No. 2009-008. So voted. The proposed Consent Order & Agreement are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

7. In the Matter of a Complaint by Paul Fressola, Stratford
File No. 2009-120
Proposed Findings & Conclusions

Respondents:	James Miron
Attorney:	James Talbert-Slagle
Lead Legal Investigator:	Gilberto Oyola

Attorney James Talbert-Slagle summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2009-120. He recommended adoption of the proposed Findings & Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2009-120. So voted. The proposed Findings & Conclusions are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

8. In the Matter of a Complaint by Thomas Colapietro, Bristol
File No. 2011-058
Proposed Findings & Conclusions

Respondents:	Letizia and Matney
Attorney:	James Talbert-Slagle
Lead Legal Investigator:	Charlie Urso

Attorney James Talbert-Slagle summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2011-058. He recommended adoption of the proposed Findings & Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2011-058. So voted. The proposed Findings & Conclusions are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

9. In the Matter of a Complaint by Tom Nicholas, Guilford
File No. 2011-091
Proposed Consent Order & Agreement

Respondents:	Tom Forcella
Attorney:	James Talbert-Slagle
Lead Legal Investigator:	Gilberto Oyola

The matter is continued.

10. In the Matter of a Complaint by Ann Halibozek, Cromwell
File No. 2011-122
Proposed Findings & Conclusions

Respondents:	Stanley Stachura Jr.
Attorney:	Patrick J. Lamb
Lead Legal Investigator:	Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Patrick J. Lamb summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2011-122. 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. 2011-122. So voted. The proposed Findings & Conclusions are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

11. In the Matter of a Complaint by Arthur J. Scialabba, Norwalk
File No. 2011-125
Proposed Findings & Conclusions

Respondent:	Nora King
Attorney:	Patrick J. Lamb
Lead Legal Investigator:	Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Patrick J. Lamb summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2011-125. He recommended adoption of the proposed Findings & Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2011-125. So voted. The proposed Findings & Conclusions are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

12. In the Matter of a Complaint by Arthur J. Scialabba, Norwalk
File No. 2012-011
Proposed Findings & Conclusions

Respondent:	Nathaniel Norden
Attorney:	Patrick J. Lamb
Lead Legal Investigator:	Intern (LZ)

Attorney Patrick J. Lamb summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2012-011. He recommended adoption of the proposed Findings & Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2012-011. 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 Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 9:28 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 relating thereto, listed as items 1 through 7 and audit items 1 through 55 on the agenda. So voted. Commissioners Cashman, Jenkins, Castagno, Bozzuto and Stankevicius were present. Staff members present were Charlie Urso, James Talbert Slagle, John Neumon, Gilberto Oyola, Lisa Zaccagnino, Patrick Lamb, William B. Smith, Paige Adams, Kevin Ahern, Shannon Kief, Michael J. Brandi, Marianne Sadowski, Evelyn Gratacos and Sheri-Lyn Lagueux.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 9:50 A.M. to return to public session. So voted.

Returning to Public Session the Commission took the following action:

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Castagno to approve the issuance of the aforementioned committee draft Audit Reports 1-50, 54 & 55 as Final Audit Reports. So voted.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to initiate an investigation regarding draft Audit Report 51. So voted.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Castagno to initiate an investigation regarding draft Audit Report 52. So voted.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to initiate an investigation regarding draft Audit Report 53. So voted.

1. In the Matter of a Complaint by Tom Kelly, Bridgeport
   File Nos. 2011-090 & 2011-097
   Proposed Consent Order & Agreement

Respondents:	William P. Beccaro, William A. Beccaro, Gloria Beccaro, Hon. Bill Finch, Sonya Finch Adam M. Wood, Kerry A. Wood
Attorney:	Kevin Ahern
Lead Legal Investigator:	Charlie Urso

   Attorney Kevin Ahern summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File Nos. 2011-090 & 2011-097. He recommended adoption of the proposed Consent Order & Agreement.

   It was moved by Commissioner Castagno and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File Nos. 2011-090 & 2011-097. So voted. The proposed Consent Order & Agreement are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

2. In the Matter of a Referral by a SEEC Elections Officer
   File No. 2011-085NT
   Proposed Recommendation of Counsel
   Attorney: Patrick J. Lamb

   Attorney Patrick J. Lamb summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Recommendation of Counsel in File No. 2011-085NT. He recommended adoption of the counter offer of the respondent.

   It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the proposed counter offer by respondent in File No. 2011-085NT. So voted.

3. In the Matter of a Complaint by George H. Millerd, Kensington
   File No. 2010-074
   Proposed Recommendation of Counsel
   Attorney: Patrick J. Lamb

Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

The matter is continued

4. In the Matter of a Complaint by Deborah Deschamps-Baker, Sprague
File No. 2011-121
Proposed Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: William B. Smith
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

The matter is continued.

5. In re: SEEC Initiated Martin B. John, Hartford
File No. 2010-071
Proposed Referral to the Attorney General
Attorney: James Talbert-Slagle
Lead Legal Investigator: Charlie Urso

Attorney James Talbert-Slagle summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed referral to the office of the Attorney General in File No. 2010-071. He recommended adoption of the proposed motion to refer.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the referral to the Office of the Attorney General in File No. 2010-071. So voted.

6. In re: SEEC Inititated "Friends for Farah", Hartford
File No. 2010-122
Proposed Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: James Talbert-Slagle
Lead Legal Investigator: Charlie Urso

Attorney James Talbert-Slagle summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Reason to Believe in File No.2010-122. He recommended adoption of the proposed Reason to Believe.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to adopt the proposed Reason to Believe in File No. 2010-122. So voted.

7. 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 4 complaints in File Nos.: 2012-011, 2012-012MNF, 2012-013 and 2012-014. So voted.

Consideration of Draft Audit Reports

1. "Mazurek For State Representative", Treasurer: George M. Phelan
   Examiner: Linda Waterman

2. "Joe Broder For State Rep 2010", Treasurer: Paul L. Maxwell
   Examiner: Linda Waterman

3. "Friends of Jonathan Searles", Treasurer: Lois Gero
   Examiner: Linda Waterman

4. "Samperi in The 35th", Treasurer: Bethany A. Samperi
   Examiner: Linda Waterman

5. "Friends of Coutu", (Exploratory) Treasurer: Linda Fitzsimmons
   Examiner: Martin Paxi

6. "Friends of Coutu", Treasurer: Linda Fitzsimmons
   Examiner: Martin Paxi

7. "Reynolds 2010", (Exploratory) Treasurer: Melodie Peters
   Examiner: Martin Paxi

8. "Reynolds for Change", Treasurer: David Holdridge
   Examiner: Martin Paxi

9. "Beckett For Senate", Treasurer: Robert Lynn
   Examiner: Martin Paxi

10. "Committee To Re-Elect Lile Gibbons 2010", Treasurer: Charles L. Zoubek
    Examiner: Martin Paxi

11. "Friends of Brendan '10", Treasurer: Anne Ramsey
    Examiner: Martin Paxi

12. "Friends of Chris Perone", Treasurer: Debbie Rath
    Examiner: Martin Paxi

13. "Walker 2010", Treasurer: Talia Aikens-Nunez
    Examiner: Martin Paxi

14. "Peterson for State Rep.", Treasurer: Patricia C. Moran
    Examiner: Martin Paxi

15. "Leonmoore2010", Treasurer: Mari E. Jurczyk
    Examiner: Martin Paxi

16. "Committee to Elect Ethan Goldman", Treasurer: Stanley Tripp
    Examiner: Martin Paxi

17. "Matt Peak 2010", Treasurer: Natalie M. Chirico
    Examiner: Martin Paxi

18. "Leslie DeNardis For State Representative", Treasurer: Christopher Honnen
    Examiner: Martin Paxi

19. "Meg For Newington", Treasurer: Neal Forte
    Examiner: Martin Paxi

20. "Rodolico 2010", Treasurer: Michael Curley
    Examiner: Martin Paxi

21. "Hershman 2010", Treasurer: Mark Rappa
    Examiner: Martin Paxi

22. "Bergenty For 22nd District", Treasurer: Richard J. Drezek
    Examiner: Martin Paxi

23. "Laura Hoydick 2010", Treasurer: Paul Hoydick
    Examiner: Martin Paxi

24. "Frantz for State Senate", Treasurer: Robert J. Oca
    Examiner: Martin Paxi

25. "Annie Hornish 2010", Treasurer:
    Examiner: Martin Paxi

26. "Elizabeth Esty 2010", Treasurer: Robin Hettrick
    Examiner: Martin Paxi

27. "John Szewczyk 2010", (Exploratory) Treasurer: Robert Raney
    Examiner: Monique Coates

28. "John Szewczyk 2010", Treasurer: Robert Raney
    Examiner: Monique Coates

29. "Elaine O'Brien 2010", Treasurer: Virginia Bromage
    Examiner: Monique Coates

30. "Vidan 2010", Treasurer: James D. Diamond
    Examiner: Monique Coates

31. "Richmancthouse 2010", Treasurer: Gilbert Richman
    Examiner: Monique Coates

32. "Green 2010", Treasurer: Luverne Mott
    Examiner: Monique Coates

33. "Malvi For State Rep. District 61", Treasurer: Robert Lennon
    Examiner: Monique Coates

34. "Lockwood for the 39th Rep.", Treasurer: Everett Munro
    Examiner: Monique Coates

35. "Zelinsky for State Rep.", Treasurer: Joan Zelinsky
    Examiner: Monique Coates

36. "Team Tong 2010", Treasurer: David Stein
    Examiner: Monique Coates

37. "Kolenberg 2010", (Exploratory) Treasurer: James Rubino
    Examiner: Monique Coates

38. "Kolenberg For Senate", Treasurer: Frank Dell
    Examiner: Monique Coates

39. "Traub for 65th", Treasurer: Elinor C. Carbon
    Examiner: Salman Munir

40. "Len in 2010", Treasurer: James N. Farrell
    Examiner: Salman Munir

41. "Ken Neal 2010", Treasurer: Edward M. Glanz
    Examiner: Salman Munir

42. "Colapietro for Senate", Treasurer: Patrick Perugino
    Examiner: Salman Munir

43. "Friends of Theresa Conroy", Treasurer: Alexandra Chamenko
    Examiner: Salman Munir

44. "Rob Kane for State Senate 2010", Treasurer: Jonathan W. Ramsay
    Examiner: Salman Munir

45. "Citizens for Jim O'Rourke", Treasurer: Victor Harpley
    Examiner: Salman Munir

46. "Chudzik 2010", Treasurer: John H. Anderson
    Examiner: Salman Munir

47. "Friends of Melissa Olson", Treasurer: Arthur Guertin
    Examiner: Salman Munir

48. "Rigby 2010", Treasurer: Wesley W. Gieseking
    Examiner: Salman Munir

49. "Brower for State Rep.", Treasurer: Stephanie Young
    Examiner: Salman Munir

50. "Elect Scott Scherban", Treasurer:
    Examiner: Monique Coates

51. "Campaign McCrory 2010.", Treasurer: Tanzania Cooper
    Examiner: Salman Munir

52. "Defronzo for State Senate", Treasurer: Suzanne Bielinski
    Examiner: Martin Paxi

53. "Aldarondo 2010", Treasurer: Joanna Aldarondo
    Examiner: Monique Coates

54. "Osten 2010", Treasurer: Mark M. Bettencourt
    Examiner: Martin Paxi
    See also Sec. V, Item 4

55. "Welch for State Senate", Treasurer: Scott Matney
    Examiner: Salman Munir
    See also Sec. IV, Item 8

VI. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto 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 Laguetix
Clerk of the Commission

Adopted this 21st day of March, 2012 at Hartford, Connecticut.

Stephen F. Cashman
By Order of the Commission

The next regular scheduled meeting is March 21, 2012 at 9:00 A.M. in the 5th Floor Conference room.