



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

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## **DRAFT MINUTES STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING 5<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 Initiated "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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 39<sup>th</sup> 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. Giesecking  
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.

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