



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

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**MINUTES**  
**STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR TELEPHONIC MEETING**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**May 31, 2012**  
**4:00 P.M.**

***I. Call to Order***

Chairman Cashman was present and called the meeting to order at 4:06 P.M. Commissioners Anthony Castagno and Patricia Stankevicius were present via teleconference. Agency staff was also present.

***II. Administrative Reports***

Mrs. Kief updated the Commission and staff on the status of redistricting results and party dominant districts from the Secretary of State's office. Mrs. Kief recommended that the Commission issue the party –dominant district primary grant amounts only to qualified CEP candidates in districts that have been verified as party dominant districts pursuant to the recent redistricting. All other primary grant amounts will be issued in the regular amount. If any candidate who received a regular primary grant and is later to be found in a party-dominant district, the grant amount will be adjusted.

Mr. Neumon reported that all 2011 Special Election audits have been completed. Remaining for the 2010 election are 1 general assembly audit and 11 statewide audits.

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

John Neumon, Lead Legal Investigator, summarized the following applications and results of the staff review.

1. "Fontana for State Senate," Stephen Fontana

It was moved by Commissioner Stankevicius and seconded by Commissioner Castagno to approve the grant application for "Fontana for State Senate," Stephen Fontana. So voted

2. "Ackert for the 8<sup>th</sup>," Tim Ackert

It was moved by Commissioner Stankevicius and seconded by Commissioner Castagno to approve the grant application for “Ackert for the 8<sup>th</sup>,” Tim Ackert. So voted.

3. “Tami Z for the 61<sup>st</sup>,” Tami Zawistowski

It was moved by Commissioner Stankevicius and seconded by Commissioner Castagno to approve the grant application for “Tami Z for the 61<sup>st</sup>,” Tami Zawistowski. So voted.

4. “Canty 2012,” Leo Canty

It was moved by Commissioner Stankevicius and seconded by Commissioner Castagno to approve the grant application for “Canty 2012,” Leo Canty. So voted.

5. “Diminico 2012,” Joseph Diminico

It was moved by Commissioner Stankevicius and seconded by Commissioner Castagno to continue without prejudice the grant application for “Diminico 2012,” Joseph Diminico. So voted.

6. “Davis 2012,” Christopher Davis

It was moved by Commissioner Stankevicius and seconded by Commissioner Castagno to continue without prejudice the grant application for “Davis 2012,” Christopher Davis. 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 Castagno and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 9:16 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 relating thereto, listed as items 1 through 5 on the agenda. So voted.

Commissioners Cashman was present. Commissioners Castagno and Stankevicius were present via teleconference. Staff members present were Mann Hasen, Michael J. Brandi, John Neumon, Shannon Kief, Joshua Foley, Jennifer Montgomery, Charlie Urso, Kevin Ahern, William B. Smith, James Talbert-Slagle, and Sheri-Lyn Lagueux.

It was moved by Commissioner Stankevicius and seconded by Commissioner Castagno at 4:25 P.M. to return to public session. So voted.

Returning to Public Session the Commission took the following action:

It was moved by Commissioner Stankevicius and seconded by Commissioner Castagno to initiate an investigation of the aforementioned committee draft Audit Reports 1-5. So voted.

*Consideration of Draft Audit Reports*

1. “Kearney 2011,” Treasurer: Andrew V. Bivens  
Fiscal/Administrative Officer: Sarah Poulin
2. “Keeley 2011,” Treasurer: Mary Jo Keeley  
Fiscal/Administrative Officer: Sarah Poulin
3. “Monique for State Rep.,” Treasurer: Philip Reichle  
Fiscal/Administrative Officer: Sarah Poulin
4. “RJo Winch 4 State Rep,” Treasurer: Joseph E. Washington  
Examiner: Monique Coates
5. “Friends of Gerry Garcia,” Treasurer: Ronald M. Petronella  
Examiner: Monique Coates

**III. Adjournment**

It was moved by Commissioner Castagno and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 4:27 P.M. to adjourn the meeting. So voted.

Unless otherwise indicated, all votes of the Commission were unanimous.

*The next regular scheduled meeting is June 6, 2012 via teleconference  
at 4:00 P.M. in the 5th Floor Conference room.*