DRAFT MINUTES
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

5th Floor Conference Room
September 19, 2012
9:01 A.M.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Cashman was present and called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M. Commissioners Anthony Castagno and Patricia Stankevicius were present, Commissioner Joan Jenkins was present via teleconference. Agency staff was also present.

Motion to add Item 21 to Section IV., and an executive session relative to two grant applications. It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to. So voted.

Executive session will be taken immediately before consideration of item IV.

II. Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of August 15, 2012
Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of August 22, 2012
Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of August 29, 2012
Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of September 6, 2012

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the Minutes of the August 15, 2012 Regular Meeting, the August 22, 2012 Regular Meeting, the August 29, 2012 Regular Meeting and the September 6, 2012 Regular Meeting. So voted.

III. Administrative Reports

Mr. Brandi updated that SEEC is working hard to get through the balance of the CEP season.

Mr. Brandi advised that regarding personnel issues, SEEC is working with DAS to fill the vacancies for the Lead Legal Investigator position and the Director of Disclosure and Audit unit.

Mr. Brandi reported that there are 386 registered committees, 259 who are participating candidates in the CEP, and with today's Commission Meeting there will be 204 grants approved for this current election season.

Mr. Brandi advised that SEEC has submitted the budget for the 2014-2015 year. SEEC is going to be seeking some additional positions, mostly in administrative such as another office assistant. SEEC is also looking to add another IT analyst for software purposes fitting in with a legislative concept.

In the last two weeks Mr. Brandi and staff have attended both the town clerks convention as well as the registrar of voters' convention. IT Manager Hasen has produced a phenomenal demonstration, for the municipalities as we are looking to potentially take over, as a central repository, the municipal filings statewide. The reception that we received for this idea at both conventions was well received. We had volunteers from at least 15 communities to be pilot towns. SEEC's demonstration showed how to utilize each existing town's website, and working through their own websites, to allow for electronic filings to come directly to SEEC. Every website would be tailored to each individual town for the various positions they have.

Mr. Brandi updated that SEEC is awaiting our final report from the Auditors of Public Accounts.

Mr. Brandi reported that the regarding the intern program, SEEC is trying to bring in multiple layers of interns to help, notably with trying to move a lot of physical records into electronic format. SEEC is trying to make a systemic effort to have one move for the paper into electronic format in preparation for the construction on the first floor in November.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 9:08 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 pending applications for a grant from the Citizens' Election Program. So voted.

Commissioners Cashman, Castagno and Stankevicius were present and Commissioner Jenkins was present via teleconference. Staff members present were Lindsey Leung, Gilberto Oyola, William B. Smith, James Talbert Slagle, Jennifer Montgomery, Kevin Ahern, Joshua Foley, Nancy Staniewicz, Charlie Urso, Patrick Lamb, Mann Hasen, Shannon Kief, Michael Brandi, Evelyn Gratacos 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.

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

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

1. "Re Elect O'neill," Arthur J. O'Neill

   It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "Re Elect O'neill," Arthur J. O'Neill. So voted.

2. "Claire Janowski for State Representative," Claire L. Janowski

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

3. "Balestriere Phil For State Rep.," Philip Balestriere

   It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to continue without prejudice the grant application "Balestriere Phil For State Rep.," Philip Balestriere. So voted.

4. "Elect Deb Kleckowski 2012," Deborah Kleckowski

   It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "Elect Deb Kleckowski 2012," Deborah Kleckowski. So voted.

5. "Crisco 2012," Joseph Crisco

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

6. "Alford 2012," Mary Alford

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

7. "Alseph 2012," John Alseph

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

8. “Vote Musto 2012,” Anthony Musto

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application “Vote Musto 2012,” Anthony Musto. So voted.

9. “Len Greene 105,” Leonard Greene

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to continue without prejudice the grant application “Len Greene 105,” Leonard Greene. So voted.

10. “Corky for State Senate,” John “Corky” Mazurek

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application “Corky for State Senate,” John “Corky” Mazurek. So voted.

11. “Mike France 2012,” Frederick France

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application “Mike France 2012,” Frederick France. So voted.

12. “Sirard for Enfield,” Thomas Sirard

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application “Sirard for Enfield,” Thomas Sirard. So voted.

13. “Joe Verrengia For State Rep.,” Joseph Verrengia

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application “Joe Verrengia For State Rep.,” Joseph Verrengia. So voted.

14. “Witkos 2012,” Kevin Witkos

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application “Witkos 2012,” Kevin Witkos. So voted.

15. “Seger for Senate,” Daniel Seger

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application “Seger for Senate,” Daniel Seger. So voted.

16. "Committee to Elect Mitch for Newtown State Rep. 2012," Mitch Bolinsky

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "Committee to Elect Mitch for Newtown State Rep. 2012," Mitch Bolinsky. So voted.

17. "Stango for State Rep. 2012," Michael Stango

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

18. "Chapin 2012," Clark Chapin

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to continue without prejudice the grant application "Chapin 2012," Clark Chapin. So voted.

19. "Bosco for the 59th," Joe Bosco

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "Bosco for the 59th," Joe Bosco. So voted.

20. "Bartlett 2012," Jason Bartlett

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

21. "Coutu for Senate," Christopher Coutu

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "Coutu for Senate," Christopher Coutu. So voted.

V. Pending Complaints and Investigations

A. Public Session

1. In the Matter of a Complaint by Lisa Carver, New Britain
   File No. 2010-016
   Proposed Findings & Conclusions

Respondent:	Peter Tercyak
Attorney:	Kevin Ahern
Lead Legal Investigator:	Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Ahern summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2010-016. 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. 2010-016. So voted. The proposed Findings & Conclusions are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

2. In the Matter of a Complaint by Valerie Friedman, Washington
File No. 2011-074
Proposed Consent Order & Agreement

Respondents:	Region 12 Board of Education and Members of its Communications Committee
Attorney:	Patrick J. Lamb
Lead Legal Investigator:	Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Lamb summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File No. 2011-074. He recommended adoption of the proposed Consent Order & Agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File No. 2011-074. So voted. The proposed Consent Order & Agreement are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

3. In the Matter of a Complaint by Andrew Lockwood, New London
File No. 2011-150
Proposed Findings & Conclusions

Respondent:	Michael J. Tranchida
Attorney:	Patrick J. Lamb
Lead Legal Investigator:	Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Lamb summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2011-150. 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. 2011-150. So voted. The proposed Findings & Conclusions are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

4. In the Matter of a Complaint by Debra Shriner, New London
File No. 2011-151
Proposed Findings & Conclusions

Respondent:	Michael J. Tranchida

Attorney: Patrick J. Lamb
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Lamb summarized the above referenced complaint and proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2011-151. 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. 2011-151. So voted. The proposed Findings & Conclusions are available on our website under Commission Decisions.

5. Request for Finding of Reason to Believe: Pursuant to Section 9-7B-35 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, a Request for a Finding of Reason to Believe Violations of General Statutes §9-608 Have Been Committed.

   It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius that the Commission finds reason to believe that respondents violated Connecticut General Statute 9-608 (a) (1) for File Nos. 2012-098NF, 2012-099NF, 2012-100NF, 2012-101NF, 2012-103NF, 2012-104NF, 2012-105NF, 2012-106NF, 2012-107NF, 2012-108NF, 2012-109NF, 2012-110NF, 2012-111NF, 2012-112NF, 2012-113NF, 2012-114NF, 2012-115NF and 2012-116NF. So voted.

6. In the Matter of a Complaint by Randy T. Petroniro, Wolcott
   File No. 2009-113
   Proposed Consent Order & Agreement
   Respondent: Sheila Howe
   Attorney: William B. Smith
   Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

   Attorney 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 Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius 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.

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 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 and Stankevicius were present and Commissioner Jenkins was present via teleconference. Staff members present were Shannon Kief, Michael Brandi, Joshua Foley, James Talbert Slagle, Gilberto Oyola, Kevin Ahern, Charlie Urso, Marianne Sadowski, Patrick Lamb, William Smith, Evelyn Gratacos and Sheri-Lyn Lagueux.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 11:01 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 Christopher Komondy, Chester
   File No. 2012-079
   Recommendation of Counsel
   Attorney: Kevin Ahern
   Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

   The matter is continued.

2. In the Matter of a Complaint by Christine Halfar, Danbury
   File No. 2012-086
   Recommendation of Counsel
   Attorney: Kevin Ahern
   Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

   The matter is continued.

3. In re: SEEC Initiated "Committee to Elect John E. French," Hartford
   File No. 2012-034
   Recommendation of Counsel and Proposed Findings & Conclusions
   Attorney: Patrick J. Lamb
   Lead Legal Investigator: Charlie Urso

   The matter is continued.

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

   The matter is continued.

5. In the Matter of a Complaint by William P. Horan, Jr., East Hartford
File No. 2011-126
Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: William B. Smith
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

The matter is continued.

6. In the Matter of Complaints by Catherine Malek, Brookfield
File No. 2011-132 and 2011-133
Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: William B. Smith
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

The matter is continued.

7. In the Matter of a Complaint by Jack Testani, Trumbull
File No. 2011-143
Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: William B. Smith
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

The matter is continued.

8. In the Matter of a Complaint by Caleb Kleppner, New Haven
File No. 2010-002
Recommendation of Counsel
Attorney: James Talbert-Slagle
Lead Legal Investigator: Charlie Urso

The matter is continued.

9. 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 18 complaints in File Nos.: 2012-096, 2012-097, 2012-117, 2012-119, 2012-120, 2012-121, 2012-122, 2012-123, 2012-124, 2012-125, 2012-126, 2012-127, 2012-128, 2012-129, 2012-130, 2012-131, 2012-132 and 2012-133. So voted

VII. 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. This executive session did not proceed and was marked off.

VIII. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 11:03 A.M. to adjourn the meeting. So voted. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes of the Commission were unanimous.

The next regular scheduled meeting is September 26, 2012 at 4:15 P.M. via teleconference in the 5th Floor Conference room.