



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**  
**November 17, 2015**  
**9:00 A.M.**

***I. Call to Order***

Commissioner Castagno was present and called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M. Commissioners Salvatore Bramante, Stephen Penny and Michael Ajello were present. Commissioner Patricia Stankevicius was present via teleconference. Agency staff was also present.

***II. Approval of the Minutes***

*Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 20, 2015*

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the Minutes of the October 20, 2015 regular meeting by a 5-0-0 vote.

***III. Administrative Reports***

1. Memorandum regarding: A Resolution to approve the proposed 2016 SEEC Regular Meeting Schedule.

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the 2016 SEEC Regular Meeting Schedule. So voted by a 5-0-0 vote.

2. Recommendation of Counsel regarding the Municipal Filing Pilot Program

The Commission discussed Mr. Brandi's memo detailing the proposed application process and the criteria to be used in its determining which municipalities will be approved for the program. The invitation to apply to the program has been set for December 4, 2015 and the Deadline to submit an application is has been set for February 15, 2016. The Commission will make its final selection of municipalities on March 9, 2016.

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the recommendations of Mr. Brandi for the implementation of the application and selection process for participation in the pilot program of Municipal Elections in accordance with the memorandum submitted. So voted by a 5-0-0 vote.

**IV. Pending Complaints and Investigations**

**A. Public Session**

1. In re: Audit of Monique for State Rep., Hartford

File No. 2012-070

Proposed Consent Order

Respondent:

Philip Reichle

Attorney:

James M. Talbert Slagle

Lead Legal Investigator:

Charlie Urso

Attorney Talbert-Slagle summarized the above referenced complaint and Proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File No. 2012-070. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Consent Order & Agreement upon receipt in ten (10) days.

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the Proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File No. 2012-070 upon receipt in ten (10) days. So voted by a vote 5-0-0. The Consent Order & Agreement will be available on our website under Commission Decisions upon receipt.

2. In re: Contributions by Garrett Moore, Jr., Hartford

File No. 2014-017

Proposed Consent Order

Respondent:

Garrett Moore, Jr.

Attorney:

James M. Talbert-Slagle

Lead Legal Investigator:

Charlie Urso

Attorney Talbert-Slagle summarized the above referenced complaint and Proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File No. 2014-017. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Consent Order & Agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the Proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File No. 2014-017. So voted by a vote 5-0-0. The Consent Order & Agreement will be available on our website under Commission Decisions.

3. In the Matter of a Complaint by Ethan Book, Bridgeport

File No. 2014-002

Proposed Findings & Conclusions

Respondents:

James A. Banta

Attorney:

William B. Smith

Legal Investigator:

Scott Branfuhr

Attorney Smith summarized the above referenced complaint and Proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2014-002. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Findings & Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to adopt the Proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2014-002. So voted by a vote 5-0-0. The Findings & Conclusions will be available on our website under Commission Decisions.

4. In the Matter of a Complaint by Zachary Sanders, Hartford  
File No. 2014-091  
Proposed Findings & Conclusions

Respondents:	Dianna J. Kulmacz and Denise L. Nappier
Attorney:	William B. Smith
Legal Investigator:	Scott Branfuhr

Attorney Smith summarized the above referenced complaint and Proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2014-091. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Findings & Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Penny to adopt the Proposed Findings & Conclusions in File No. 2014-091. So voted by a vote 5-0-0. The Findings & Conclusions will be 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)***

1. In the Matter of a Complaint by Jerry Labriola, Wallingford  
File No. 2014-126  
Recommendation of Counsel
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| Attorney:                | Kevin M. Ahern |
| Lead Legal Investigator: | Charlie Urso   |

The matter is continued

2. In the Matter of a Complaint by Charles J. Coviello, Jr., Bridgeport  
File No. 2014-073  
Recommendation of Counsel
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| Attorney:                | William B. Smith |
| Lead Legal Investigator: | Charlie Urso     |

The matter is continued.

3. In the Matter of a Complaint by Raquel M. Calderon, Hartford  
File No. 2015-049  
Recommendation of Counsel  
Attorney: William B. Smith  
Legal Investigator: Scott Branfuhr

The matter is continued.

4. In the Matter of a Complaint by Alyssa Peterson, Hartford  
File No. 2015-050  
Recommendation of Counsel  
Attorney: William B. Smith  
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

Attorney Smith summarized the above referenced complaint and requested authorization of an investigatory subpoena in File No. 2015-050.

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to authorize an Investigatory Subpoena in File No. 2015-050. So voted by a vote 5-0-0.

5. In the Matter of a Complaint by Ryan A. Mulcahy and Frank A. Burgio, Sr.,  
Waterbury  
File No. 2015-093  
Recommendation of Counsel  
Attorney: William B. Smith  
Lead Legal Investigator: Gilberto Oyola

The matter is continued.

6. Recommendation of Counsel: Necessary to Investigate Determination pursuant to General Statutes §9-7a, as amended by Public Act 11-48 §300

Attorney Smith summarized the Recommendation of Counsel dated November 12, 2015 and requested that 18 matters be moved to investigate.

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to make a determination that it is necessary to investigate violations relating to eighteen (18) complaints File Nos.: 2015-137, 2015-138, 2015-139, 2015-140, 2015-147, 2015-148, 2015-149, 2015-150, 2015-151, 2015-152, 2015-

153, 2015-154, 2015-155, 2015-156, 2015-157, 2015-158, 2015-159 and 2015-160. So approved by the Commission, 5-0-0.

7. Consideration of Draft Audit Reports

1. “Adams 2014,” Terry Adams  
Examiner: Amit Shah
2. “Cassano 4 Senate,” Stephen Cassano  
Examiner: Matthew Lombardi
3. “Lembo 2014,” Kevin Lembo  
Examiner: Krysta Holmes
4. “Davis 2014,” Christopher Davis  
Examiner: Amit Shah
5. “Denise Nappier for State Treasurer 2014,” Denise Nappier  
Examiner: Krysta Holmes
6. “Friends of Emmett Riley, Emmett Riley  
Examiner: Matthew Lombardi

Linda Waterman provided an overview of the audits and recommended that the Commission make audits 1-6 final.

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to accept the audits numbered 1-6 as final audits. So approved by the Commission, 5-0-0.

***VI. Consideration of Matters Discussed in Executive Session***

***VII. Adjournment***

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 10:48 AM to adjourn the meeting. So voted. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes of the Commission were unanimous.

***The next regular scheduled meeting is December 15, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the 5th Floor Conference room.***