



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

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REGULAR TELEPHONIC MEETING
5th Floor Conference Room
October 11, 2012
4:15 P.M.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Cashman was present and called the meeting to order at 4:15 P.M. Commissioners Anthony Castagno, Joan Jenkins and Patricia Stankevicius were present via teleconference. Agency staff was also present.

II. Administrative Report

Michael Brandi advised that he was waiving all administrative reports for this meeting.

Commissioner Cashman requested a Motion to Add an Executive Session prior to the consideration of the pending grant applications and, specifically, with respect to the grant application designated as number 16, "Nicola Tarzia 2012," on today's agenda. It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to add an Executive Session. So voted.

III. 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 strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or pending litigation and exempt records relative thereto)

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 4:18 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 pending applications for a grant from the Citizens' Election Program. So voted.

Commissioner Cashman, was present and Commissioners Castagno, Stankevicius and Jenkins were present via teleconference. Staff members present were Jennifer Montgomery, Lindsey Leung, Joshua Foley, Salman Munir, Paige Adams, Patrick Lamb, Charlie Urso, Mann Hasen, Shannon Kief, Michael Brandi and Sheri-Lyn Lagueux.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 4:27 P.M. to return to public session. So voted.

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

Take up Number 16 out of order and put at the front of the agenda preceding section IV.

Members of the “Nicola Tarzia 2012” campaign and an attorney representing the Stamford Democratic City Committee were present. Commissioner Cashman designated 5 minutes for each side to speak.

Attorney Timothy Bennett Smyth, representing the Stamford Democratic City Committee and Jack Davis, campaign manager for the “Nicola Tarzia 2012” campaign addressed the Commission. Cindy Torres, campaign manager for Tarzia campaign was also present but did not address the Commission.

Attorney Smyth represented that the Stamford Democratic City Committee believes that the Nicola Tarzia campaign failed to timely execute SEEC CEP Form 10 by the September 27, 2012 deadline. Attorney Smyth questioned if the Commission has the discretion to allow someone to file the form in an untimely manner. Attorney Smyth said that it was incumbent upon the candidate to calculate the date as required by the statute and if there was something unclear in communications with the Commission it was incumbent upon the candidate to clarify that confusion and that was not done in this case. In this case the form was filed late, in violation of the statute.

Jack Davis, campaign manager for the Nicola Tarzia campaign advised that the campaign reviewed the e-mail that was sent by the SEEC and relied upon its advice. The campaign filed the CEP Form 10 on September 28th and at that time asked for a ruling. We received a ruling from an SEEC attorney who said that it was fine based upon their error, they were going to accept the filing. We relied on the advice of the SEEC attorney telling us the form was acceptable based upon the fact that there was two different dates.

Upon conclusion of the statements, the Commission took Agenda Item Number 16 for Consideration of Application for Public Grants from the Citizens' Election Fund out of order and took the following action:

16. "Nicola Tarzia 2012," Nicola Tarzia

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

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

1. "Rich for State Rep.," Richard Eighme

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "Rich for State Rep.," Richard Eighme. So voted.

2. "Rob Kane for State Senate 2012," Robert Kane

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "Rob Kane for State Senate 2012," Robert Kane. So voted.

3. "Committee to Re-Elect Senator John A. Kissel," John Kissel

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "Committee to Re-Elect Senator John A. Kissel," John Kissel. So voted.

4. "Elect Pablo Soto," Pablo Soto

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "Elect Pablo Soto," Pablo Soto. So voted.

5. "Fleischmann for State Representative," Andrew Fleischmann

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

6. "Friends of John Frey," John Frey

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

7. "Godfrey 12," Robert Godfrey

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "Godfrey 12," Robert Godfrey. So voted.

8. "Sanchez 2012," Robert Sanchez

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

9. "Gerratana for State Senate," Terry Gerratana

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

10. "Christine Vincent for State Rep.," Christine Vincent

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

11. "Dauplaise for Connecticut," Daniel Dauplaise

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "Dauplaise for Connecticut," Daniel Dauplaise. So voted.

12. "Elect Mae Flexer," Mae Flexer

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "Elect Mae Flexer," Mae Flexer. So voted.

13. "Friends of Caz," Casimir Mizera

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to continue without prejudice the grant application "Friends of Caz," Casimir Mizera. So voted.

14. "Haddad 2012," Gregory Haddad

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

15. "Maynard for State Senate," Andrew Maynard

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

16. "Nicola Tarzia 2012," Nicola Tarzia

This item was voted on out of order and previously approved.

17. "Scottd2012," Scott DeMuth

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "Scottd2012," Scott DeMuth. So voted.

18. "The Committee to Re-Elect State Senator Eric D. Coleman," Eric Coleman

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "The Committee to Re-Elect State Senator Eric D. Coleman," Eric Coleman. So voted.

19. "Vicino for State Rep.," Thomas Vicino

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

20. "Robbins for Representative," Mark Robbins

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application "Robbins for Representative," Mark Robbins. So voted.

V. Executive Session per General Statutes §§ 1-200(6)(A), (B) and (E), and 1-210(b)(2)
(Discussion of personnel matters)

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 4:50 P.M. to proceed into Executive Session pursuant to C.G.S. §§ 1-200(6)(A), (B) and (E), and 1-210(b)(2) to discuss personnel matters. So voted.

Commissioner Cashman, was present and Commissioners Castagno, Stankevicius and Jenkins were present via teleconference. Staff members present were: Michael Brandi.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 4:59 P.M. to return to public session. So voted.

No votes were taken.

VI. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 5:00 P.M. to adjourn the meeting. So voted. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes of the Commission were unanimous.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 4:15 P.M., in the 5th floor Conference Room