



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

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STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR TELEPHONIC MEETING
5th Floor Conference Room
September 21, 2016
4:00 P.M.

I. *Call to Order*

Commissioner Anthony Castagno was present via teleconference and called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. Commissioners Michael Ajello and Stephen Penny were present via teleconference. Commissioner Salvatore Bramante was present. Agency staff was also present.

Commissioner Castagno added the following to the agenda:

Section IV. A. Item #16 “Arlene Avery for Senate,” Arlene Avery

II. *Pending Complaints and Investigations*

A. *Public Session*

1. In the Matter of a Complaint by Eileen Cranney, Prospect
File No. 2014-139

Proposed Consent Order & Agreement

Respondent:

Attorney:

William B. Smith

Legal Investigator:

Scott Branfuhr

Attorney William B. Smith summarized the above referenced complaint and Proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File No. 2014-139. He recommended adoption of the Proposed Consent Order & Agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Bramante to adopt the Proposed Consent Order & Agreement in File No. 2014-139. So voted by a vote 4-0-0. The Consent Order & Agreement will be available on our website under Commission Decisions.

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 enforcement action and exempt records relative thereto)*

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Bramante at 4:04 P.M. to proceed into Executive Session per General Statutes §§ 1-200(6)(B) and (E), and 1-210(b)(1),(3),(4),(10) to discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims and exempt records. So voted.

Commissioner Bramante was present. Commissioners Castagno, Ajello and Penny were present via teleconference. Staff members present were, Michael Brandi, Linda Waterman, Douglas Frost, Shannon Kief, Joshua Foley, Scott Branfuhr and Sheri-Lyn Lagueux.

Returning to public session at 4:04 P.M. the Commission took the following action:

1. Recommendation of Counsel: Validation of Public Grant Applications

No action was taken.

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

A. Public Session

1. "Eva for Newtown," Eva Bermudez-Zimmerman

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Bramante to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Eva for Newtown," Eva Bermudez-Zimmerman. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

2. "Elect Levine for West Hartford," Robert Levine

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Bramante to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Elect Levine for West Hartford," Robert Levine. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

3. "Ryan Rogers 2016," Ryan Rogers

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Ryan Rogers 2016," Ryan Rogers. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for "The Committee to Re-Elect State Senator Eric D. Coleman," Eric Coleman. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Bramante to approve the grant application for "Committee to Re-Elect Senator John A. Kissel," John Kissel. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

6. "Ethan Book for State Representative – 128th," Ethan Book

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to approve the grant application for "Ethan Book for State Representative – 128th," Ethan Book. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

7. "Godfrey 2016," Bob Godfrey

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Godfrey 2016," Bob Godfrey. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

8. "Panos for Windsor-Hartford," Paul Panos

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to approve the grant application for "Panos for Windsor-Hartford," Paul Panos. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

9. "Reyes for State Representative," Geraldo Reyes

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to approve the grant application for "Reyes for State Representative," Geraldo Reyes. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

10. "ARCE 2016," Angel Arce

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Bramante to continue without prejudice the grant application for "ARCE 2016," Angel Arce. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

11. "Carolyn Mirek for State Seante," Carolyn Mirek

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Bramante to approve the grant application for "Carolyn Mirek for State Seante," Carolyn Mirek. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

12. "DiPace 2016," Anthony DiPace

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Bramante to continue without prejudice the grant application for "DiPace 2016," Anthony DiPace. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

13. "Neuberger 2016," Ray Neuberger

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Neuberger 2016," Ray Neuberger. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

14. "Skulczyck for the 45th," Kevin Skulczyck

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Bramante to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Skulczyck for the 45th," Kevin Skulczyck. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

15. "DePalma 16," Richard DePalma

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for "DePalma 16," Richard DePalma. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

16. "Arlene Avery for Senate," Arlene Avery

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Arlene Avery for Senate," Arlene Avery. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

B. *Consideration of Matters Discussed in Executive Session*

V. *Continuation of all prior applications awaiting additional information to qualify for a grant*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to continue without prejudice all prior applications awaiting additional information to qualify for a grant. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

VI. *Adjournment*

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Ajello at 4:15 P.M. to adjourn the meeting. So voted. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes of the Commission were unanimous.

The next regular scheduled meeting is September 28, 2016 at 4:00 P.M. in the 5th Floor Conference room.