



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
Law Enforcement Unit

**MINUTES OF THE
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
SPECIAL TELEPHONIC MEETING
June 11, 2008**

I. Call to Order

Chairman Cashman called the telephone meeting to order at 4:02PM. Commissioners Jenkins, Gerratana, and Bozzuto were present via telephone/teleconference. Agency staff were also present.

II. Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the June 4, 2008 Special Meeting

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2008 special meeting. So voted.

III. Consideration of Applications for a Public Grant from the Citizens' Election Fund

Campaign Disclosure and Audit Unit Director, Dianna Kulmacz, presented the analysis of her unit's review of the grant applications referred to below, and offered her recommendation. After discussion, the Commission took the following action.

1. "The Committee to Elect Mary Fritz" Mary G. Fritz
It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the grant application for "The Committee to Elect Mary Fritz." So voted.
2. "Elizabeth Esty 08" Elizabeth H. Esty
It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the grant application for "Elizabeth Esty 08." So voted.
3. "Lauren Life for State Representative" Lauren Life
It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to approve the grant application for "Lauren Life for State Representative." So voted.
4. "Doyle for State Senate" Paul Doyle
It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the grant application for "Doyle for State Senate."

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5. "Friends of Selim" Selim G. Noujaim
It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to continue this application without prejudice.
6. "Friends of Steve Fontana" Stephen A. Fontana
It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to approve the grant application for "Friends for Steve Fontana."
7. "Friends of Lyddy 08" Christopher Lyddy
It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to approve the grant application for "Friends of Lyddy 08."

IV. Pending Complaints and Investigations

A. Public Session

1. In the Matter of a Complaint by Susan Bednarczyk, Simsbury
File No. 2007-383
Proposed Consent Agreement and Order
Investigator: Gilberto Oyola, Lead Legal Investigator
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Attorney Andrews summarized the above referenced complaint and the proposed Consent Agreement and Order. She stated that Respondent Mason has signed the proposed agreement and paid the civil penalty. She recommended its adoption.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to adopt the proposed Consent Agreement and Order in File No. 2007-383. So voted. A copy of the Consent Agreement and Order is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

2. In the Matter of a Complaint by Charles A. Jaskiewicz, Norwich
File No. 2008-048
Proposed Consent Agreement and Order
Investigator: Attorney William B. Smith
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Attorney Andrews summarized the above referenced complaint and the proposed Consent Agreement and Order in File No. 2008-048. She stated that Respondent Coutu has signed the proposed agreement. She recommended its adoption.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to adopt the proposed Consent Agreement in File No. 2008-048. So voted. A copy of the Consent Agreement is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

V. *Consideration of Proposed Advisory Opinion 2008-1*

Mr. Garfield explained that this opinion raises a variety of issues that affect many non-profit tax exempt organizations and how they may be affected by the overlay of the Citizens' Election Program, particularly endorsements. He informed the Commission that much of the content is a restatement of how we have interpreted and applied the law in the past and why he was asking the Commission to issue a formal advisory opinion to give authoritative guidance to those affected. The issue of coordination was discussed and Ms. Rotman indicated that each case would need to be looked at individually for a determination. Mr. Garfield gave thanks to Attorney Kief, the Legal Program Director and Attorney James Talbert-Slagle for a job well done. After some discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to approve this advisory opinion. So voted.

VI. *Administrative Reports*

Mr. Garfield informed the Commission he had very good news that our request for additional positions has been approved. In the near future, the State Elections Enforcement Commission shall have two additional support positions filled for the Fiscal and Administrative Grants Payment Unit, as well as a paralegal and secretary for the Public Finance Unit.

Ms. Rotman gave a running count of participants for the Citizens' Election Program indicating one hundred thirty one (131) for the House, thirty three (33) from the Senate and only five (5) non-participating State Representative candidates.

Ms. Kulmacz informed the Commission that she presently has two additional applications for the upcoming week, so there will be a meeting next week.

VII. *Adjournment*

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana at 4:37 P.M. to adjourn the meeting. So voted. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes of the Commission were unanimous.

The next meeting will be a Regular Telephonic Meeting held on Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at 4:00 P.M., 5th Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Stratton
Acting Clerk of the Commission

Adopted this 18th day of June, 2008, at Hartford, Connecticut.

Stephen F. Cashman, Chairman
By Order of the Commission