



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION  
Law Enforcement Unit

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**MINUTES OF THE  
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 25, 2008**

***I. Call to Order***

Chairman Cashman called the meeting to order at 9:04AM. Commissioners Jenkins, Gerratana, and Bozzuto were present. Agency staff were also present.

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

*Approval of the Minutes of the June 18, 2008 Regular Meeting*

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2008 regular 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. "Di Masters for State Representative" Di Masters  
It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to approve the grant application for "Di Masters for State Representative." So voted.
2. "DeFronzo for State Senate" Donald DeFronzo  
It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the grant application for "DeFronzo for State Senate." So voted.
3. "Schofield for State Rep." Linda Schofield  
It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to approve the grant application "Schofield for State Rep." So voted.
4. "Friends of Lonnie Reed" Lonnie Reed  
It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the grant application for "Friends of Lonnie Reed 2008." So voted.

5. "Re-elect Sayers" Margaret "Peg" Sayers  
It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to approve the grant application for "Re-elect Sayers." So voted.
6. "Ed Meyer for State Senate" Ed Meyer  
It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to approve the grant application for "Ed Meyer for State Senate." So voted.
7. "Grogins for State Representative" Auden Grogins  
It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to continue this application without prejudice for "Grogins for State Representative." So voted.
8. "Friends of John McCarthy" John McCarthy  
It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to approve the grant application for "Friends of John McCarthy." So voted.
9. "Blackwell 08" David Blackwell  
It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to continue this application without prejudice for "Blackwell 08." So voted.
10. "Friends of Deb 08" Deb Heinrich  
It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to continue this application without prejudice for "Friends of Deb 08." So voted.

#### ***IV. Pending Complaints and Investigations***

##### ***A. Public Session***

1. In the Matter of a Complaint by Edward Calandro, *et al*, West Haven  
File No. 2007-349  
Proposed Findings and Conclusions  
Investigator: Atty. Shannon Bergquist  
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Attorney Andrews summarized the above referenced complaint and the proposed Findings and Conclusions recommending that the matter be dismissed.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to adopt the proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2007-349. So voted. The Complaint is dismissed for the reasons stated. A copy of the Findings and Conclusions is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

2. In the Matter of a Complaint by Ira Johnson, New Haven  
File No. 2007-350  
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 Davis-Taylor has signed the proposed agreement and paid the civil penalty of \$100. She recommended its adoption.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to adopt the proposed Consent Agreement and Order in File No. 2007-350. So voted. A copy of the Consent Agreement and Order is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

*B. Executive Session per C.G.S. §§1-200(6)(B) and (E), and 1-210(b)(3) and (4)*

It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins at 9:25 A.M. to proceed into Executive Session pursuant to C.G.S. §§1-200(6) (B) and (E), and 1-210(b)(3) and (4) to discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims and exempt records relating thereto, listed as Items 3 through 5 on the agenda. So voted. Commissioners Cashman, Jenkins, Gerratana and Bozzuto were present. Staff members present were: Mr. Garfield, Mr. Lenge, Ms. Andrews, Mr. Smith, Mr. Crayton, Ms. Bergquist, Mr. Ahern, Mr. Oyola, Ms. Blackburn, Ms. Stratton, Ms. Nicolescu, Ms. Sadowski, Mr. Foley, Mr. Talbert-Slagle, Ms. Zaccagnino, Mr. Cascudo, Ms. Kulmacz, Mr. Neumon, Ms. Montgomery and Ms. Leibenhaut.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins at 9:50 A.M. to return to public session. So voted.

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

**V. *Find Reason to Believe Recommendations & Designation of Hearing Officer***

1. File No. 2008-043MC  
Respondent: Anthony Ford  
Investigator: John Neumon, Lead Legal Investigator  
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews  
  
Recommendation: Find Reason to Believe that Respondent Anthony Ford Violated Connecticut General Statutes §9-605(e) (1)

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana that the Commission finds reason to believe that the Respondent in the above captioned case violated the statute indicated and a hearing officer be designated for this matter. So voted.

Attorney Garfield was designated as Hearing Officer for this matter.

2. File No. 2008-044MC

Respondent: William L. Jenkins  
Investigator: John Neumon, Lead Legal Investigator  
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Recommendation: Find Reason to Believe that Respondent William Jenkins Violated Connecticut General Statutes §9-605(e) (1)

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana that the Commission finds reason to believe that the Respondent in the above captioned case violated the statute indicated and a hearing officer be designated for this matter. So voted.

Attorney Lenge was designated as Hearing Officer for this matter.

## VI. *Administrative Updates*

Mr. Garfield is proud to report to the Commission that over five hundred (500) user accounts have been established with the eCRIS system through the Information Technology Unit with the anticipation that over three hundred (300) committees will be using eCRIS to file their July 10, 2008 campaign finance statements. The IT and Audit units are working together conducting various training for treasurers and they have been well attended. We will be halting the trainings shortly so that we may gear up for the July 10<sup>th</sup> filing date that must be done by every committee, so we have all our resources focused on supporting the treasurers as they prepare to comply with their filings. We also recognize our obligations to educate those campaigns not participating in the Citizens' Election Program and are working on a training schedule to accommodate that. We expect some training in late July, early August. The Governor's proposed budget reductions were discussed and the State Elections Enforcement Commission is mindful of the Governor's memo. Mr. Garfield referred to Section 9-7c but has informed Office of Policy and Management Secretary Genuario that we will do our part to reduce operating expenses. Nancy Nicolescu is in the process of organizing a legislative report with the assistance of the interns for your review next week.

Ms. Andrews welcomed questions from the Commission regarding the recently decided Poricelli case, which was announced last meeting but given the written decision for the Commissioners in this packet.

Ms. Rotman informed the Commission that presently, we have one hundred eighty one (181) participating candidates in the Citizens' Election Program, thirty eight (38) in the Senate, one hundred forty three (143) State Representatives participating and only five (5) non-participating candidates. Interested candidates have until July 18, 2008 to apply for a grant for the primary and October 10, 2008 for the general. We are pleased to say that the numbers continue to grow. We have a lot of trainings, almost weekly and the dates can be located on the State Elections Enforcement Commission website. We are continuing outreach with Town Clerks and Registrars who are requesting our assistance with the Citizens' Election Program.

Ms. Kulmacz indicated we presently have four (4) grant applications at this time, perhaps more in the upcoming week. The Audit Unit is also reviewing all candidate committees and

doing outreach and education with the candidates and committees so that they are aware of the additional filing requirements. We expect a large influx in the upcoming weeks.

**VII. *Adjournment***

It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins at 10:17 A.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, July 2, 2008 at 4:00 P.M., 5th Floor Conference Room.*

Respectfully submitted,



MaryAnn Stratton  
Acting Clerk of the Commission

Adopted this 2nd day of July, 2008, at Hartford, Connecticut.



Stephen F. Cashman, Chairman  
By Order of the Commission