



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
**STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION**  
20 Trinity Street Hartford, Connecticut 06106 – 1628

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**MINUTES OF THE**  
**STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION'S**  
**REGULAR TELEPHONIC MEETING**  
**August 6, 2008**

***I. Call to Order***

Chairman Cashman called the meeting to order at 4:04 P.M. Commissioner Gerratana was present and Commissioners Jenkins, Bozzuto and Dolan were present via telephone conference. Agency staff was present.

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

*Approval of the Minutes of July 30, 2008 Regular Telephonic Meeting*

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2008 regular telephonic meeting. So voted.

Mr. Garfield requested a review of the independent expenditures reports. It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to add the independent expenditure reports to the agenda.

***III. Consideration of Applications for Public Grants from the Citizens' Election Fund***

Dianna Kulmacz, Director of Campaign Disclosure and Audit, summarized each application and results of the staff review.

1. "Friends of George Colli" George Colli

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the grant application for "Friends of George Colli." So voted.

2. "Penny '08" Penny Bacchiochi

It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the grant application of "Penny '08". So voted.

3. "Re-elect Rowe" T.R. Rowe

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the grant application of "Re-elect Rowe". So voted.

4. "Wright for Representative" Elissa Wright

It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the grant application of "Wright for Representative". So voted.

5. "Giannaros 2008 Committee" Demetrios Giannaros

It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to approve the grant application of "Giannaros 2008 Committee". So voted.

6. "Giegler 138" Janice Giegler

It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the grant application of "Giegler 138". So voted.

7. "Friends of Peggy Reeves" Peggy Reeves

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Friends of Peggy Reeves". So voted.

8. "Zeke for State Rep. 2008" Bruce Zalaski

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Zeke for State Rep. 2008". So voted.

9. "Suerth for Senate" Ryan Suerth

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Suerth for Senate". So voted.

**IV. Pending Complaints and Investigations**

**A. Public Session**

1. In the Matter of a Complaint by James W. Bruno, Branford

File No. 2006-153

Proposed Consent Agreement and Order

Respondent: Peter E. Berdon

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 Peter

Berdon has signed the proposed agreement and paid a civil penalty of \$400.00 which represents \$200 with respect to each committee. She recommended adoption of the proposed agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to adopt the proposed Consent Agreement and Order in File No. 2006-153. 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 Shirley Surgeon, Hartford  
File No. 2007-336

Proposed Consent Agreement and Order

Respondents: Eric Crawford, Janice Rossetti, Rosa Carmona,  
Rigoberto Nieva, Ramon Arroyo, Carmen Rodriguez  
and Rachel Otero.

Investigator: Atty. Marc Crayton

Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Attorney Andrews summarized the above referenced complaint. She stated that seven of the thirteen respondents have signed their proposed agreements and each paid a civil penalty of \$200. Attorney Andrews recommended the adoption of the seven proposed agreements. She stated that the matter with respect to the other six respondents will remain open.

It was moved by Commission Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to adopt the proposed Consent Agreements and Orders with respect to Respondents Crawford, Rossetti, Carmona, Nieva, Arroyo, Rodrigues and Otero. Copies of the Consent Agreements and Orders in File No. 2007-336 are attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

**V. *Administrative Reports***

Ms. Rotman requested the Commission review independent expenditure reports to determine when an independent expenditure is filed in a race with a participating candidate, whether it is targeting the defeat of a participating candidate such that it may trigger matching funds under Section 9-714, General Statutes. The Commission discussed the issues and concluded they will address items in the future as they arise.

Mr. Garfield reviewed legislative history of Section 9-714 with the Commission for a more thorough understanding of the matters before them.

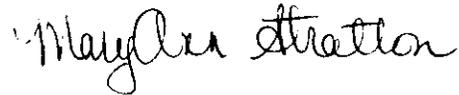
Mr. Garfield acknowledged we are moving swiftly towards the primary and is pleased we have been able to help all that have needed it with reporting issues. Preparations are being made for the SIFC budget submission due September 2008.

**VI.        *Adjournment***

It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Dolan at 5:08 P.M. to adjourn the meeting. So voted. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes of the Commission were unanimous.

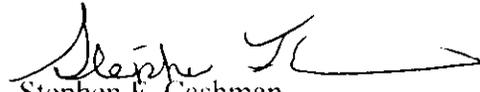
*The next meeting will be a Regular Meeting held on August 13, 2008 at 9:00 A.M., in the 5th Floor Conference Room.*

Respectfully submitted,



MaryAnn Stratton  
Acting Clerk of the Commission

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008, at Hartford, Connecticut.



Stephen F. Cashman  
By Order of the Commission