



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

MINUTES
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR TELEPHONIC MEETING
20 Trinity Street, 5th Floor Conference Room
August 27, 2008

I. *Call to Order*

Chairman Cashman called the meeting to order at 4:03 P.M. Commissioners Jenkins and Bozzuto were present via telephone conference. Agency staff was present.

II. *Approval of the Minutes*

Approval of the Minutes of August 20, 2008 Regular Telephonic Meeting

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2008 regular meeting. So voted.

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. "Nicastro for State Rep.2008" Frank Nicastro
It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to approve the grant application for "Nicastro for State Rep. 2008"
So voted.
2. "McCluskey for State Representative" David McCluskey
It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to continue without prejudice the grant application for "David McCluskey for State Representative." So voted.
3. "Arlene Avery for State Rep." Arlene Avery
It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to approve the grant application for "Arlene Avery for State Rep.."
So voted.
4. "Annie Hornish" Annie Hornish
It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the grant application for "Annie Hornish." So voted.

5. "118th for Lambert" Barbara Lambert
It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to approve the grant application for "118th for Lambert." So voted.
6. "Roger A. Palanzo for State Representative" Roger Palanzo
It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the grant application for "Roger A. Palanzo for State Representative." So voted.

IV. *Consideration of whether to Initiate Investigation Executive Session per C.G.S. Secs. 9-7b (a) 1-200 (6), (b), (E) and 1-210 (b) (3), (4)*

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins at 4:08P.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 Item four (IV) on the agenda. So voted. Commissioners Cashman was present, Commissioner Jenkins and Bozzuto were present via teleconference. Staff members present were: Mr. Garfield, Mr. Lenge, Ms. Bergquist, Mr. Ahern, Ms. Stratton, Ms. Kulmacz, Ms. Adams, Ms. Love, Ms. Rotman, Mr. Urso, and Ms. Christiano.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto at 4:35 P.M. to return to public session. So voted.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins that the Commission initiate an investigation into the matter of JCJ Architecture, Inc., James Laposta and Trumble Democratic Committee to determine whether or not a violation of C.G.S. § 9-612 was committed. So voted.

V. *Administrative Reports*

Mr. Garfield updated the Commission on the annual report that will be turned in Friday, August 29, 2008 as well as the budget request submission to the Office of Policy and Management. Ms. Christiano, a new member of the SEEC staff, was introduced to the Commission. Mr. Garfield stated he and staff members will be meeting with representatives of the Town Clerks Association regarding a proposal to transfer the municipal campaign records repository function from the Town Clerks to the State Elections Enforcement Commission.

Ms. Kulmacz notified the Commission of the upcoming eCRIS training sessions. Dates are available on the State Elections Enforcement Commission website. Ms. Kulmacz reported how the grant approval process will proceed for the successful primary candidates and the general election grants. Presently, there a nine (9) new grant applications for review, possibly more for the upcoming Commission meeting.

Ms. Rotman updated the Commission on the present numbers for participating candidates in the Citizens' Election Program. There are two hundred fifty three (253) participating in total, one hundred ninety seven (197) in the House and fifty six (56) in the Senate.

VI. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins at 4:35 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 September 4, 2008 at 4:00 P.M., in the 5th Floor Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,



MaryAnn Stratton
Acting Clerk of the Commission

Adopted this 4th day of September, 2008, at Hartford, Connecticut.



Stephen F. Cashman, Chairman
By Order of the Commission