



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
September 4, 2008
4:00 P.M.

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of August 27, 2008 Regular Telephonic Meeting

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2008 regular telephonic meeting. So voted.

III. Reconsideration of the Minutes of August 20, 2008 Regular Telephonic Meeting

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

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to reconsider the minutes of the August 20, 2008 regular telephonic meeting. It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to make a correction in the previously approved minutes, changing the name in number four (#4) to reflect the proper committee name. So voted.

IV. 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. "McCluskey for State Representative" David McCluskey

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to approve the grant application for "McCluskey for State Representative." So voted.

2. "Re-Elect Jack Thompson" Jack Thompson

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to approve the grant application for "Re-Elect Jack Thompson." So voted.

3. "Liddy for Milford" Kevin Liddy
It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Liddy for Milford." So voted.
4. "Hwang for 134th" Anthony Hwang
It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Hwang for 134th." So voted.
5. "Claire Janowski for State Representative" Claire Janowski
It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the grant application for "Claire Janowski for State Representative." So voted.
6. "Bartlett 2008" Jason Bartlett
It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the grant application for "Bartlett 2008." So voted.
7. "Orange 2008" Linda Orange
It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to approve the grant application for "Orange 2008." So voted.
8. "Friends of Eileen" Eileen Baker
It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Friends of Eileen." So voted.
9. "Nanci '08" Nancy Seltzer
It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Nanci '08." So voted.
10. "Lori Musco to Harford 2008" Lori Musco
It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Lori Musco to Harford 2008." So voted.
11. "Melillo 2008" William Melillo
It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to approve the grant application for "Melillo 2008." So voted.
12. "Beth Bye for State Representative" Beth Bye
It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to approve the grant application for "Beth Bye for State Representative." So voted.
13. "D'Amelio 2008" Anthony D'Amelio
It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve the grant application for "D'Amelio 2008." So voted.

14. “Brian for the 43rd” Brian Kluberanz
It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to continue without prejudice the grant application for “Brian for the 43rd.” So voted.

V. Pending Complaints and Investigations

A. Public Session

1. In the Matter of a Complaint by Joseph M. Bomba, Derby
File No. 2008-010
Proposed Consent Agreement and Order
Respondent: Loretta M. Sexton
Investigator: Attorney William B. Smith
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Attorney Andrews summarized the above referenced complaint and the proposed Consent Agreement and Order. She stated that Respondent Sexton has signed the proposed agreement and paid the civil penalty of \$1,000.00. She recommended its adoption.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to adopt the proposed Consent Agreement and Order in File No. 2008-010. So voted. A copy of the Consent Agreement and Order is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

VI. Consideration of Proposed Advisory Opinion 2008-2: Treatment of Prior Assets Used By Candidate Committee in Current Election Cycle

Ms. Rotman informed the Commission on the issues that have been raised with respect to prior assets purchased by candidate committees who have previously run for office, and their use for this campaign in relation to the Citizens’ Election Program. Issues related to maintaining a level playing field amongst candidates were of importance. After some discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to approve this advisory opinion.

VII. Administrative Reports

Ms. Love, introduced new employees, additions to the Fiscal, Administrative and Grant Payments Unit, Shauna Khang and Sarah Killeen, to the Commission and staff present.

Mr. Garfield updated the Commission on the budget and its transmittal to the Office of Policy and Management. Mr. Garfield thanked Ms. Love and Ms. Skomro for their hard work. The Commission was brought up to date on the meeting between Commission staff and representatives of the Town Clerks’ Association regarding the proposal that the State Elections Enforcement Commission become the repository for the municipal campaign finance filings. There was overwhelming support by the Town Clerks’ present and this matter will be addressed in an upcoming Commission meeting.

Ms. Kulmacz stated the Campaign Disclosure and Audit Unit is reviewing grant application payments for winners of the recent primaries. Presently, there are at least fourteen (14) new grant applications for the upcoming week.

Ms. Rotman restated a previous recommendation that public hearings be held shortly after the November elections so that the Commission may gather input from the participating candidates and the general public on their experiences with the Citizens' Election Program. Dates will be announced at a future time.

Ms. Andrews notified the Commission that we have received the first Citizens' Election Program complaint alleging someone qualified for a grant who should not have been approved and that it is presently under review. Motions for summary judgment are due on the Green Party litigation, along with a motion to reconsider the motion to dismiss. The motion to dismiss the Minnie Gonzalez litigation will be heard next week and the Commission will be kept abreast of future progress.

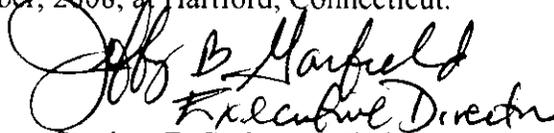
VIII. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins at 4:47 P.M. to adjourn the meeting. So voted. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes of the Commission were unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryAnn Stratton
Acting Clerk of the Commission

Adopted this 10th day of September, 2008, at Hartford, Connecticut.


~~Stephen F. Cashman, Chairman~~
By Order of the Commission

The next meeting will be a Regular Meeting held on September 17, 2008 at 9:00 A.M., in the 5th Floor Conference Room.