



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

MINUTES OF THE
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING
October 24, 2008
3:00 P.M.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Cashman called the meeting to order at 3:05 P.M. Commissioner Cashman was present in person and Commissioners, Gerratana, Bozzuto and Dolan were present via teleconference. Agency staff was also present.

II. Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of October 16, 2008 Special Meeting

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Dolan to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2008 special meeting. So voted.

III. Supplemental Grant Determinations

Ms. Rotman updated the Commission on the receipt of the independent expenditure reports and the CEP 16 forms, which affords the candidates the opportunity to come forward and say that certain pieces by their opponent targets their defeat.

1. Independent Expenditure Reports

A. Realtor PAC

Ms. Rotman discussed the Supplemental Grant Request (SEEC CEP form 16) that was received by the Andersen '08 committee in which they cited inaccuracies and claims that the pieces targeted the defeat of the candidate. After discussion, it was determined that the items discussed did not target the defeat of the candidate. It was moved by Commissioner Dolan and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to deny the application for the supplemental grant. So voted.

B. Mohegan Sun PAC

Ms. Rotman discussed the independent expenditure report filed by the Mohegan Sun and the CEP form 16 submitted by the Andersen '08 campaign.

After discussion, it was determined that the items mentioned did not target the defeat of the

candidate. It was moved by Commissioner Dolan and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to deny the application for the supplemental grant. So voted.

Ms. Rotman discussed the CEP form 16 submitted by the Simones campaign. After discussion, it was determined that the items mentioned did not target the defeat of the candidate. It was moved by Commissioner Dolan and seconded by Commissioner Bozzuto to deny the application for the supplemental grant. So voted.

Ms. Rotman discussed the CEP form 16 submitted by the Pacileo campaign. After discussion, it was determined that the items mentioned did not target the defeat of the candidate. It was moved by Commissioner Dolan and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to deny the application for the supplemental grant. So voted.

Commissioner Jenkins joined the meeting via teleconference.

2. Consideration of Complaints Which Mention Supplemental Grant Requests

A. Requestor: Georgia Michalek File No. 2008-138
Candidate: Arlene Avery

Ms. Rotman updated the Commission on the procedure undertaken by the staff with respect to the above mentioned complaint. No action will be taken as the CEP form 16 must be submitted by the campaign claiming they have been targeted for defeat; and none has to date.

B. Requestor: Edward Raff, Jr. File No. 2008-141
Candidates: Representative Deborah Heinrich and Senator Edward Meyer

Ms. Rotman updated the Commission on the procedure undertaken by the staff with respect to the above mentioned complaint. No action will be taken as the CEP form 16 requesting a supplemental grant must be submitted by the campaign claiming they have been targeted for defeat; and none has to date.

IV. Pending Complaints and Investigations

A. Public Session

1. In the Matter of a Complaint by Myrna Watanabe, Harwinton
File No. 2007-386
Proposed Consent Agreement and Order
Respondent: Terrance Ferraroti
Investigator: Attorney Kevin Ahern
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Attorney Ahern summarized the above referenced complaint and the proposed Consent Agreement and Order. He stated that Respondent Terrance Ferraroti has signed the proposed agreement and paid a \$200.00 civil penalty. He 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. 2007-386. So voted. A copy of the Consent Agreement and Order is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

Mr. Garfield introduced Professor Michael Malbin, one of the most renowned academics in the study of campaign finance trends in the states. He was welcomed by the Commission.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Dolan at 3:29 P.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. So voted. Commissioners Cashman was present in person, Commissioner Jenkins, Gerratana, Dolan and Bozzuto were present via teleconference call. Staff members present were: Mr. Garfield, Ms. Bergquist, Mr. Crayton, Ms. Blackburn, Mr. Ahern, Ms. Stratton, Ms. Rotman, Ms. Kulmacz, Ms. Sadowski, Ms. Montgomery, Ms. Kief and Ms. Leibenhaut.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Dolan at 4:32 p.m. to return to public session. So voted.

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

Returning to Public Session the Commission took the following action:

2. Consideration of Whether to Initiate an Investigation

It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Dolan to initiate an investigation pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §9-7b (a) to determine whether violations of campaign finance laws have been committed by the State Representative Cusano committee and Sam Cusano. So voted.

V. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana at 4:34 P.M. to adjourn the meeting. So voted. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes of the Commission were unanimous.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



MaryAnn Stratton
Acting Clerk of the Commission

Adopted this 19th day of November, 2008, at Hartford, Connecticut.



Stephen F. Cashman, Chairman
By Order of the Commission