



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

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MINUTES  
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
August 29, 2018  
3:30 P.M.

**I. Call to Order**

Commissioner Castagno was present via teleconference and called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M. Commissioner Penny was present. Commissioner Ajello, was present via teleconference. Agency staff was also present.

**II. Executive Session per General Statutes §§ 1-200(6)(B) and (E), and 1-210(b)(1), (3),(4),(10) and General Statutes §9-7a, as amended by Public Act 11-48 §300 (Preliminary draft and agency consideration of enforcement action and exempt records relative thereto)**

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Penny at 3:31 P.M. to proceed into Executive Session pursuant to General Statutes §§ 1-200(6)(B) and (E), and 1-210(b)(1),(3),(4),(10) to discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims and exempt records. So voted.

Commissioner Penny was present. Commissioners Castagno, and Ajello were present via teleconference. Staff members present were Ryan M. Burns, William B. Smith, Kevin M. Ahern, Scott Branfuhr, Joshua Foley, Marianne Sadowski, Douglas Frost, Linda Waterman, Shannon Kief, Michael J. Brandi and Sheri-Lyn Lagueux.

Returning to public session at 4:09 P.M. the Commission took the following action:

1. Recommendation of Counsel: Discussion of Candidate Committee Validation Memoranda

No action taken.

2. In the Matter of a SEEC Initiated Investigation of the Steve Obsitnik for Connecticut Committee and the FixCT, Inc. Committee  
File No. 2018-050A

Recommendation of Counsel

Attorneys:

Legal Investigators:

Ryan M. Burns and  
William B. Smith  
Gilberto Oyola, Scott  
Branfuhr and Alfonso  
Vazquez

The matter is continued.

3. In the Matter of a Complaint by Maria L. Nunez, et al  
File No. 2018-060

Recommendation of Counsel

Attorney:

Kevin M. Ahern

Legal Investigators:

Scott Branfuhr and

Alfonso Vazquez

Attorney Kevin M. Ahern summarized the above referenced complaint in File No. 2018-060. He recommended authorization of an investigatory subpoena. Pursuant to General Statutes § 9-7b and § 9-7b-28 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, a motion to authorize investigatory subpoenas to provide evidence relevant for a determination of the allegations of violations relevant to file number 2018-060.

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the issuance of an investigatory subpoena in File No. 2018-060. So voted by a vote 3-0-0.

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

#### ***A. New Applications***

1. "Mike for 72," Michael Ceverllino

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Mike for 72," Michael Ceverllino. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

2. "Elaine Matto for State Representative," Elaine Matto

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Elaine Matto for State Representative," Elaine Matto. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

3. "Mary Fay for CT State Rep," Mary Fay

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Mary Fay for CT State Rep," Mary Fay. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

4. "Mitchell 2018," Robert Mitchell

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for "Mitchell 2018," Robert Mitchell. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

5. "Elect DePalma 116th," Richard DePalma

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Elect DePalma 116th," Richard DePalma. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

6. "Leone for State Senate," Carlo Leone

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Leone for State Senate," Carlo Leone. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

7. "Perrier 2018," John Perrier

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Perrier 2018," John Perrier. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

8. "Phil Young for 120," Phillip Young

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Phil Young for 120," Phillip Young. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

9. "Boyd 2018," Pat Boyd

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Boyd 2018," Pat Boyd. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

10. "Kennedy 2018," Kathleen Kennedy

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for "Kennedy 2018," Kathleen Kennedy. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

11. "R 95," John Carlson

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to continue without prejudice the grant application for "R 95," John Carlson. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

12. "Andrew Lanciatto for State Representative," Andrew Lanciatto

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Andrew Lanciatto for State Representative," Andrew Lanciatto. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

13. "Brenda 2018," Brenda Falusi

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Brenda 2018," Brenda Falusi. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

14. "Champagne for the 35<sup>th</sup>," Daniel Champagne

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Champagne for the 35<sup>th</sup>," Daniel Champagne. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

15. "Citizens for Mushinsky," Mary Mushinsky

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Citizens for Mushinsky," Mary Mushinsky. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

16. "Forster 2018," Chris Forster

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for "Forster 2018," Chris Forster. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

17. "Genga2018," Henry Genga

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Genga2018," Henry Genga. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

18. "Henrie for 61<sup>st</sup>," John Henrie

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Henrie for 61<sup>st</sup>," John Henrie. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

19. "Laura Bush for the 56<sup>th</sup>," Laura Bush

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Laura Bush for the 56<sup>th</sup>," Laura Bush. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

20. "Porter 2018," Robyn Porter

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Porter 2018," Robyn Porter. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

21. "Walker 2018," Toni Walker

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Walker 2018," Toni Walker. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

***B. Continuation of prior applications awaiting additional information to qualify for a grant***

1. "Lopes for 24<sup>th</sup>," Rick Lopes

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for "Lopes for 24<sup>th</sup>," Rick Lopes. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

2. "NKD18," Nicole Klarides Ditria

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for "NKD18," Nicole Klarides Ditria. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

3. "Team Eleni for CT," Eleni Kavros DeGraw

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for "Team Eleni for CT," Eleni Kavros DeGraw. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

4. "Statchen 2018," Robert Statchen

No action taken.

5. "Hall 2018," Joshua Hall

No action taken.

6. "Lucy2018," Lucia "Lucy" Dathan

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for "Lucy2018," Lucia "Lucy" Dathan. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

7. "Aimee4Ridgefield," Aimee Berger-Girvalo

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for "Aimee4Ridgefield," Aimee Berger-Girvalo. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

8. "Cassano 4 Senate," Stephen Cassano

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Penny to approve the grant application for "Cassano 4 Senate," Stephen Cassano. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

9. "Bosak for Senate," Gerald Bosak

No action taken.

10. "Elect Wendy," Wendy Tyson-Wood

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for "Elect Wendy," Wendy Tyson-Wood. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

11. "Hwang4Senate," Anthony Hwang

No action taken

12. "Kate 2018," Kate Donnelly

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for "Kate 2018," Kate Donnelly. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

13. "DeLucia 2018," Nick DeLucia

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for "DeLucia 2018," Nick DeLucia. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

14. "Brian for the 45<sup>th</sup>," Brian Lanoue

No action taken.

15. "Dan Fox for State Rep 2018," Daniel Fox

No action taken.

16. "Team Soto," Christian Soto

No action taken.

17. "Siegrist 2018," Robert Siegrist

No action taken.

18. "Steinberg for State Rep.," Jonathan Steinberg

No action taken.

19. "Abercrombie for State Rep.," Catherine Abercrombie

No action taken.

20. "Eric Berthel for Senate," Eric Berthel

No action taken.

21. "Coderre 2018," David Coderre

No action taken.

22. "Friends of Michael Dimassa," Michael Dimassa

No action taken.

23. "Gerratana 2018," Terry Gerratana

No action taken.

24. "Buckbee 2018," William Buckbee

No action taken.

25. "Ziogas 18," Christopher Ziogas

No action taken.

26. "DiPace 2018," Anthony DiPace

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for "DiPace 2018," Anthony DiPace. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

27. "David T. Wilson for 66<sup>th</sup>," David Wilson

No action taken.

28. "Annie for Senate," Annie Hornish

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for "Annie for Senate," Annie Hornish. So voted by a vote of 3-0-0.

29. "Formica for Senate," Paul Formica

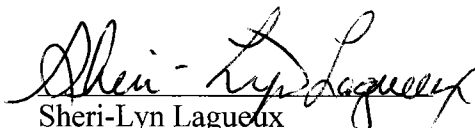
No action taken.

***IV. Consideration of Matters Discussed in Executive Session***

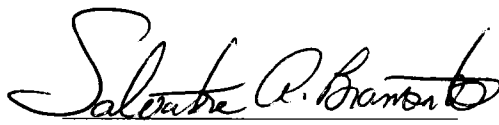
***V. Adjournment***

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello at 4:31 P.M. to adjourn the meeting. So voted. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes of the Commission were unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sheri-Lyn Lagueux  
Clerk of the Commission

Adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018 at Hartford, Connecticut.

  
Salvatore A. Bramante  
By Order of the Commission

***The next regular scheduled meeting is September 6, 2018 at 3:30 P.M. in the 5th Floor Conference room.***