



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  
September 26, 2018  
3:30 P.M.

**I. Call to Order**

Commissioner Castagno was present via teleconference and called the meeting to order at 3:32 P.M. Commissioner Bramante was present. Commissioner Ajello, Cascudo and Penny were present via teleconference. Agency staff was also present.

Commissioner Castagno added an item to the Agenda as item III matter number 30.

**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 Penny and seconded by Commissioner Bramante at 3:33 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 Bramante was present. Commissioners Castagno, Ajello, Penny and Cascudo were present via teleconference. Staff members present were Kevin M. Ahern, Scott Branfuhr, James Talbert-Slagle, Joshua Foley, Douglas Frost, Linda Waterman, Shannon Kief, Michael J. Brandi and Sheri-Lyn Lagueux.

Returning to public session at 4:11 P.M. the Commission took the following action:

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

No action taken.

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

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

1. "Kurt for CT," William Miller

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Kurt for CT," William Miller. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

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

1. "Hwang4Senate," Anthony Hwang

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Bramante to approve the grant application for "Hwang4Senate," Anthony Hwang. Pending receipt of the disgorgement to the CEF. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

Commissioner Cascudo left the meeting at 4:30 P.M.

The Commission pursuant to its' authority in General Statutes 9-7b(a) initiates an investigation based on facts discovered in the course of a staff validation of a Citizens' Election Program grant application, into potential campaign finance violations pertaining to contributions received by the "Hwang4Senate" committee. The investigation will be docketed as: *In Re: Commission Initiated Investigation into "Hwang4Senate" Committee.*

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Bramante to initiate an investigation into "Hwang4Senate," Committee. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

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

No action taken.

3. "Steinberg for State Rep," Jonathan Steinberg

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Bramante to approve the grant application for "Steinberg for State Rep," Jonathan Steinberg. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

4. "Elect DePalma 116<sup>th</sup>," Richard DePalma

No action taken.

5. "Perrier 2018," John Perrier

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to approve the grant application for "Perrier 2018," John Perrier. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Penny to approve the grant application for "Andrew Lanciatto for State Representative," Andrew Lanciatto. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

7. "Porter 2018," Robyn Porter

No action taken.

8. "Butler 2018," Larry Butler

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Penny to approve the grant application for "Butler 2018," Larry Butler. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

9. "delacruz 2018," Joseph de la Cruz

No action taken.

10. "Jesse 2018," Jesse MacLachlan

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for "Jesse 2018," Jesse MacLachlan. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

11. "Lemar2018," Roland Lemar

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Penny to approve the grant application for "Lemar2018," Roland Lemar. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

12. "Arthur O'Neill State Representative," Arthur O'Neill

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for "Arthur O'Neill State Representative," Arthur O'Neill. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

13. "Charamut for Senator," Edward Charamut

No action taken.

14. "Dennis Leadership," Dennis Milanovich

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Bramante to approve the grant application for "Dennis Leadership," Dennis Milanovich. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

15. "Kelly for Senate 2018," Kevin Kelly

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Bramante to approve the grant application for "Kelly for Senate 2018," Kevin Kelly. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

16. "Liz for the 42<sup>nd</sup>," Elizabeth Schwebel

No action taken.

17. "Rogers 2018," Ryan Rogers

No action taken.

18. "Rosario 2018," Christopher Rosario

No action taken.

19. "Vote Vail," Kurt Vail

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to approve the grant application for "Vote Vail," Kurt Vail. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

20. "Jose Goncalves for State Representative," Jose Goncalves

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Penny to approve the grant application for "Jose Goncalves for State Representative," Jose Goncalves. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

21. "Cathy for CT Senate 2018," Catherine De Carli

No action taken.

22. "Ferrucci for the 71<sup>st</sup>," Stephen Ferrucci

No action taken.

23. "Friends of Chris Perone,," Chris Perone

No action taken.

24. "Make Way for State Rep Holloway 2018," Ernestine Holloway

No action taken.

25. "Mase for State Representative 86<sup>th</sup> District," Vincent Mase

No action taken.

26. "R 96," Eric Mastroianni

No action taken.

27. "Roeun 2018," Veasna Roeun

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to approve the grant application for "Roeun 2018," Veasna Roeun. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

28. "Tercyak 2018," Peter Tercyak

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to approve the grant application for "Tercyak 2018," Peter Tercyak. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

29. "Tim Walczyk for Simsbury," Timothy Walczyk

No action taken.

30. In the Matter of a Complaint by Maria Pereira, Bridgeport

File No. 2018-053

Recommendation of Counsel

Attorney:

Kevin M. Ahern

Attorney Kevin M. Ahern summarized the above referenced complaint in File No. 2018-053. 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 an investigatory subpoena on the Statewide Bar Counsel to provide evidence relevant to the investigation of certain issues raised in the Complaint in File Number 2018-053.

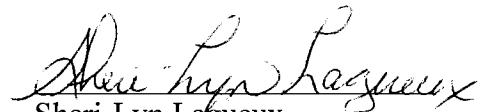
It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Bramante to approve the issuance of an investigation in File No. 2018-053. So voted by a vote of 4-0-0.

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

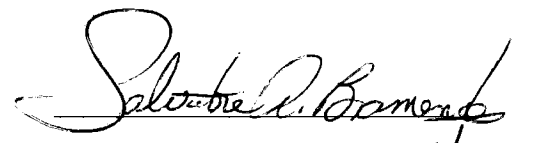
**V. Adjournment**

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny at 4:42 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018 at Hartford, Connecticut.

  
By Order of the Commission *Vice*  
SALVATORE A. BRAMANTE

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