



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES
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REGULAR MEETING
5th Floor Conference Room
October 19, 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. Commissioners Ajello, Bramante, Cascudo and Penny were present. Agency staff was also present.

II. Approval of the Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 11, 2018

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to approve the October 11, 2018 minutes by a 5-0-0 vote. So voted.

III. 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 3:32 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.

Commissioners Ajello, Bramante, Cascudo & Penny were present. Commissioner Castagno was present via teleconference. Staff members present were James Talbert-Slagle, Kevin M. Ahern, Lindsey Leung, Scott Branfuhr, Alfonso Vazquez, Marianne Sadowski, Douglas Frost, Linda Waterman, Shannon Kief, Michael J. Brandi and Sheri-Lyn Lagueux.

Returning to public session at 3:45 P.M. the Commission took the following action:

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

IV. Consideration of Application for Public Grants from the Citizens' Election Fund

A. *New Applications*

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

1. "Vote Kerouac," A.J. Kerouac

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Penny to approve the grant application for "Vote Kerouac," A.J. Kerouac. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

2. "R 92," Joshua Rose

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for "R 92," Joshua Rose. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

3. "Ray for Rep," Kennard Ray

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to deny the grant application for "Ray for Rep," Kennard Ray. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello at 3:49 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.

Commissioners Ajello, Bramante, Cascudo & Penny were present. Commissioner Castagno was present via teleconference. Staff members present were James Talbert-Slagle, Kevin M. Ahern, Lindsey Leung, Scott Branfuhr, Alfonso Vazquez, Marianne Sadowski, Douglas Frost, Linda Waterman, Shannon Kief, Michael J. Brandi and Sheri-Lyn Lagueux.

Returning to public session at 4:51 P.M. the Commission took the following action:

C. *Release of General Election Grant Monies of Previously Approved Applications*

1. "Attorney Dennis Bradley for State Senate," Dennis Bradley

The Commission hereby resolves that pursuant to General Statutes § 9-711 (a), the Attorney Dennis Bradley for State Senate campaign shall not receive any additional grant monies from the fund for the remainder of the election cycle and is deemed a nonparticipating candidate because the Commission determines that the committee made or incurred expenditures in excess of the applicable expenditure limit set forth in General Statutes § 9-702 (c), as a result of:

- (1) A coordinated expenditure with the BDK law firm for the Dolphin Cove Event in the amount of approximately \$7,107;

- (2) A coordinated expenditure with the BDK law firm for commercial advertising clearly identifying the candidate with 90 days of the vote and which had not been broadcast or appeared before; and
- (3) An expense in the amount of approximately \$2,000 incurred for fundraising and other social media related services performed by the treasurer.

The Commission determines that these excess expenditures together, and each alone, were not *de minimis* in nature and the candidate or treasurer had knowledge of each of these expenditures. Any violations and civil penalties shall be further addressed in the resolution of File No. 2018-053.

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to adopt the resolution for "Attorney Dennis Bradley for State Senate," Dennis Bradley. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

D. *Replacement Candidate Committee*

1. "Mike Gagliardi for 30th House Rep.," Michael J. Gagliardi
2. Draft Advisory Opinion 2018-02: *Treatment of Replacement Candidates under the Citizens' Election Program and Grant Amounts*

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to adopt Advisory Opinion 2018-02: *Treatment of Replacement Candidates under the Citizens' Election Program and Grant Amounts*. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

Director Michael Brandi thanked Douglas Frost, Richard Gebo, Alfonso Vasquez and Scott Branfuhr for their part in performing CPR to an individual who had a heart attack in the building today. These staff members did an amazing job in assisting until emergency personnel arrived.

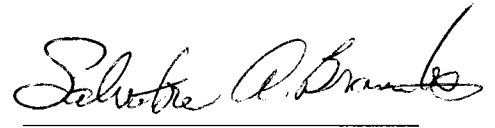
V. *Adjournment*

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Ajello at 4:57 P.M. to adjourn the meeting. So voted. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes of the Commission were unanimous.

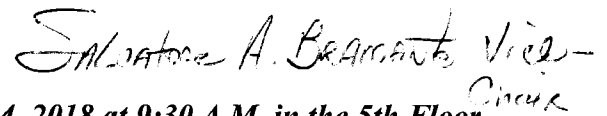
Respectfully submitted,


Sheri-Lyn Lagueux
Clerk of the Commission

Adopted this 14th day of November, 2018 at Hartford, Connecticut.



By Order of the Commission

 Salvatore A. Bramante, Vice-Clerk

The next regular scheduled meeting is November 14, 2018 at 9:30 A.M. in the 5th Floor Conference room.