



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

MINUTES
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REGULAR TELEPHONIC MEETING
5th Floor Conference Room
August 17, 2016
4:00 P.M.

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Anthony Castagno was present via teleconference and called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. Commissioners Michael Ajello, Stephen Penny and Patricia Stankevicius were present via teleconference. Commissioner Salvatore Bramante was present. Agency staff was also present.

Commissioner Castagno added the following to the agenda:

In executive session:

Item#3 Recommendation of Counsel: Opinion on Connecticut General Statutes 9-7(c)

In public session:

Item #14 "Lydia Tedone for Simsbury," Lydia A. Tedone
Item #15 "John Scott 2016," John F. Scott
Item #16 "Rob Kane for Senate," Robert J. Kane
Item #17 "Ehlers2016," Gregory T. Ehlers

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 Stankevicius and seconded by Commissioner Penny at 4:01 P.M. to proceed into Executive Session per 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, Penny and Stankevicius were present via teleconference. Staff members present were, Michael Brandi, Linda Waterman, Douglas Frost, Shannon Kief, Joshua Foley, Marianne Sadowski, Scott Branfuhr and Sheri-Lyn Lagueux.

Returning to public session at 4:18 P.M. the Commission took the following action:

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1. Recommendation of Counsel: Validation of Public Grant Applications

No action was taken.

2. Draft Proposed Declaratory Ruling 2016-01: Funding for Concurrent Regular and Special Elections for Office of General Assembly Occurring on the Same Ballot on Same Day Election.

3. Recommendation of Counsel: Opinion on Connecticut General Statutes 9-7(c)

III. Public Session

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

1. "Jaumann 2016," Joseph Jaumann

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application for "Jaumann 2016," Joseph Jaumann. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

2. "Lundgren for State Representative," Mary Lundgren

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Bramante to approve the grant application for "Lundgren for State Representative," Mary Lundgren. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

3. "Cook 2016," Michelle Cook

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Bramante to approve the grant application for "Cook 2016," Michelle Cook. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

4. "Laura Hoydick for State Representative," Laura Hoydick

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application for "Laura Hoydick for State Representative," Laura Hoydick. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

5. "Vote Vail," Kurt Vail

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

6. "Elect Stokes 2016," Gregory Stokes

It was moved by Commissioner Stankevicius and seconded by Commissioner Bramante to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Elect Stokes 2016," Gregory Stokes. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

7. "Christine for State Representative," Christine Randall

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Ajello to approve the grant application for "Christine for State Representative," Christine Randall. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

8. "Forster 2016," Christopher Forster

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application for "Forster 2016," Christopher Forster. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

9. "Kathy for State Rep 2016," Kathleen Bachiochi

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application for "Kathy for State Rep 2016," Kathleen Bachiochi. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

10. "Kelly for State Representative," Kelly Luxenberg

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application for "Kelly for State Representative," Kelly Luxenberg. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

11. "Miller for the 36th," Philip Miller

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Bramante to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Miller for the 36th," Philip Miller. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

12. "Witkos 2016," Kevin Witkos

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to continue without prejudice the grant application for "Witkos 2016," Kevin Witkos. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

13. "Cathy Walsh for Westport," Catherine A. Walsh

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Bramante to approve the grant application for "Cathy Walsh for Westport," Catherine A. Walsh. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

14. "Lydia Tedone for Simsbury," Lydia A. Tedone

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application for "Lydia Tedone for Simsbury," Lydia A. Tedone. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

15. "John Scott 2016," John F. Scott

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application for "John Scott 2016," John F. Scott. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

16. "Rob Kane for Senate," Robert J. Kane

It was moved by Commissioner Stankevicius and seconded by Commissioner Bramante to approve the grant application for "Rob Kane for Senate," Robert J. Kane. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

17. "Ehlers2016," Gregory T. Ehlers

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to approve the grant application for "Ehlers2016," Gregory T. Ehlers. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

B. Consideration of Matters Discussed in Executive Session

2. Draft Proposed Declaratory Ruling 2016-01: Funding for Concurrent Regular and Special Elections for Office of General Assembly Occurring on the Same Ballot on Same Day Election.

Shannon Clark Kief summarized the Draft Proposed Declaratory Ruling 2016-01. She recommended that the Commission adopt the resolution and order setting forth specified proceedings for a SEEC Proposed Declaratory Ruling 2016-01 including approval of the draft for comment and directing the staff post the proposed declaratory ruling to the website and circulate it for comment via e-mail.

It was moved by Commissioner Penny and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to adopt the resolution and order in Proposed Declaratory Ruling 2016-01. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

3. Recommendation of Counsel: Opinion on Connecticut General Statutes 9-7c

Michael J. Brandi summarized the above Recommendation of Counsel. He recommended a Motion to authorize staff to act as necessary to make a request of the Attorney General for an opinion regarding budget protections contained in CGS 9-7c

It was moved by Commissioner Ajello and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to authorize staff to make a request of the Attorney General for an opinion regarding budget protections contained in CGS 9-7c. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

IV. Continuation of all prior applications awaiting additional information to qualify for a grant

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius to continue without prejudice all prior applications awaiting additional information to qualify for a grant. So voted by a vote of 5-0-0.

V. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Bramante and seconded by Commissioner Stankevicius at 4:32 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 September, 2016 at Hartford, Connecticut.


Anthony J. Castagno
By Order of the Commission

The next regular scheduled meeting is August 24, 2016 at 4:00 P.M. in the 5th Floor Conference room.