



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

**MINUTES OF THE
STATE ELECTIONS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
5th Floor Conference Room
July 1, 2009
9:00 A.M.**

I. Call to Order

Chairman Cashman called the meeting to order at 9:11 A.M. Commissioners Jenkins, Gerratana and Bozzuto were present. Agency staff was also present.

II. Approval of the Minutes

A. Approval of the Minutes of the June 17, 2009 Regular Meeting

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to approve the Minutes of the June 17, 2009 Regular Meeting. So voted.

III. Oath of Office to Patricia Stankevicius

This matter is continued.

IV. Pending Complaints and Investigations

A. Public Session

**1. In the Matter of a Complaint by Lillian Arciniegas, Hartford
File No. 2008-152**

Proposed Findings and Conclusions

**Investigators: Attorney William Smith and Gilberto Oyola, Lead Legal Investigator
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews**

Attorney Andrews summarized the above referenced complaint and the proposed Findings and Conclusions recommending dismissal of the complaint. She recommended adoption of the proposed Findings and Conclusions, which represents a disposition with respect to one of eight allegations in this complaint.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to adopt the proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2008-152 dismissing the matter with respect to Marie Hamilton. So voted. The complaint is dismissed without prejudice for the reasons stated. A copy of the Findings and Conclusions is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes. The matter is still pending with respect to other allegations.

2. In the Matter of a Complaint by Carol Marelli and Nancy Moran, ROV's, East Lyme
File No. 2009-007
Proposed Findings and Conclusions
Investigator: Gilberto Oyola, Lead Legal Investigator
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Attorney Andrews summarized the above referenced complaint and the proposed Findings and Conclusions recommending dismissal of the complaint. She recommended adoption of the proposed Findings and Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to dismiss the matter and adopt the proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2009-007. So voted. The complaint is dismissed for the reasons stated. A copy of the Findings and Conclusions is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

3. In the Matter of a Complaint by Rae Tramontano and Sharon Ferrucci, ROV's, New Haven
File No. 2009-014
Proposed Findings and Conclusions
Investigator: Attorney William Smith
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Attorney Andrews summarized the above referenced complaint and the proposed Findings and Conclusions recommending dismissal of the complaint. She recommended adoption of the proposed Findings and Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana to dismiss the matter and adopt the proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2009-014. So voted. The complaint is dismissed for the reasons stated. A copy of the Findings and Conclusions is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

4. In the Matter of a Complaint by Craig R. Powers, Woodstock
File No. 2009-050
Proposed Findings and Conclusions
Investigator: Attorney Kevin Ahern
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Attorney Andrews summarized the above referenced complaint and the proposed Findings and Conclusions recommending dismissal of the complaint. She recommended adoption of the proposed Findings and Conclusions.

It was moved by Commissioner Bozzuto and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins to dismiss the matter and adopt the proposed Findings and Conclusions in File No. 2009-

050. So voted. The complaint is dismissed for the reasons stated. A copy of the Findings and Conclusions is attached and incorporated herein as part of these minutes.

It was moved by Commissioner Jenkins and seconded by Commissioner Gerratana at 9:22 A.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, listed as items 5 through 6 on the agenda. So voted. Commissioners Cashman, Jenkins, Gerratana and Bozzuto were present. Staff members present in the case discussion were Mr. Garfield, Mr. Lenge, Ms. Andrews, Mr. Crayton, Mr. Ahern, Mr. Oyola, Ms. Stratton, Ms. Blackburn, Ms. Kulmacz, Ms. Rotman, Ms. Nicolescu, Ms. Kief, Ms. Sadowski, Mr. Urso, Ms. Adams, Ms. Zaccagnino, Mr. Gebo and Ms. Killeen. So voted.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 9:26 a.m. and took the following action:

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

5. In the Matter of a Complaint by Selim Noujiam, Waterbury
File No. 2009-009
Investigator: Attorney William Smith
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

This matter is continued.

6. In the Matter of a Complaint by John E. Kisluk, Plainville
File No. 2009-037
Investigator: Attorney William Smith
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

This matter is continued.

V. Notice of Administrative Compliance

7. File Nos. 2008-215NF, 2009-021NF and 2009-035NF
Respondent: James Nobles, Treasurer, Go Green 2008
Investigator: Attorney Kevin Ahern
Managing Attorney: Joan M. Andrews

Recommendation: Commission takes administrative notice that Respondent complied with the Commission directive and accepts the payment of \$400.00 as a settlement to the State of Connecticut.

It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins that the Commission takes administrative notice that the Respondent has complied with the states demand and will take no further action with respect to this matter. So voted.

VI. *Administrative Reports*

Mr. Garfield informed the Commission of Jean Love's retirement effective June 30, 2009. All reports on deadlines will be met.

Mr. Garfield assured the Commissioners that the monetary allocation to the agency is sufficient to continue operation during the present budget crisis.

Mr. Lenge updated the Commissioners on revisions to the SEEC forms and that integration for Information Technology throughout the agency is in the works.

Ms. Andrews reported that she was reappointed to the Registrar of Voters certification committee. A training program has been created. The program will be available through Goodwin College.

Ms. Kulmacz indicated final reports on the audits presently being conducted will be ready for the next Commission meeting. The audit unit is reaching out to candidates planning to run in the 2010 election cycle for a preliminary review of their documents.

Ms. Rotman reported that 2010 candidates are coming in and help is available for anyone interested in utilizing the Citizens Election Program.

VII. *Legislative Updates*

Ms. Nicolescu updated the Commission on present issues before the General Assembly.

It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins at 9:40 A.M. to proceed into Executive Session pursuant to C.G.S. §1-200(6)(A) and (E) and §1-210(b)(3) and (4) to discuss personal appointment listed as item 8 on the agenda. So voted. Commissioners Cashman, Jenkins, Gerratana and Bozzuto were present. All staff members, with the exception of Mr. Garfield, left the executive session on the personnel matter. It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins at 11:00 A.M. to return to public session. So voted.

C. *Executive Session per C.G.S. 1-200(6)(A) and (E), and 1-210(b)(2)*

8. Personnel Matter "Executive Director" personnel search or update.

No votes were taken.

VIII. *Adjournment*

It was moved by Commissioner Gerratana and seconded by Commissioner Jenkins at 11:00 A.M. to adjourn the meeting. So voted. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes of the Commission were unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

MaryAnn Stratton
Acting Clerk of the Commission

Adopted this 5th day of August 2009 at Hartford, Connecticut

Stephen F. Cashman, Chairman
By Order of the Commission

The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday August 5, 2009 at 9:00 A.M., in the 5th Floor Conference Room.