

**Approved Minutes
March 14, 2023**

Minutes of the New York State Public Campaign Finance Board of the New York State Board of Elections – March 14, 2023

The meeting of the New York State Public Campaign Finance Board was a hybrid board meeting due to a state of emergency declared by Governor Kathy Hochul. Staff of the New York State Public Campaign Finance Board attended the meeting at the office of the New York State Board of Elections, 40 North Pearl Street, Albany, New York in the 5th Floor Conference Room with the Commissioners and additional staff joining the meeting virtually. The board meeting was called to order at approximately 12:04 p.m.

The meeting was opened by Commissioner and Chair Barbara Lifton. Commissioners Barbara Lifton, Brian Kolb, Keesha Gaskins-Nathan, Douglas Kellner, Peter Kosinski, Anthony Casale and Andrew Spano attended remotely. Staff members present in Albany were Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky, Carl Zeilman, Thomas Connolly, Jennifer Wilson, and Mike Haber. Staff members Cheryl Couser, Robert Eckels, Kathryn Orsino, Nick Cartagena, Brian Connor, and Bill McCann attended remotely.

Minutes from October 25, 2022, and December 15, 2022– Motion to accept the meeting minutes was approved unanimously (**Commissioner Lifton, Gaskins-Nathan, Kolb, Kellner, Kosinski, Casale and Spano voting in the affirmative; 7 Yes and 0 No**).

Executive Unit Update: Co-Directors Cheryl Couser and Carl Zeilman provided unit updates on the Public Campaign Finance Program including information on registration, contact and social media metrics, staffing, space planning, project management, ongoing press outreach and subunit reports. Of note:

- The Public Campaign Finance Program has 21 candidates registered in the PCFB program. (Including 1 statewide candidate, 6 state senate candidates and 14 state assembly candidates). 13 have applied to be participating candidates.
- The Public Campaign Finance Program Handbook was issued on March 8th.
- The Public Campaign Finance Program continues to host training sessions and staff continue to attend informational events and conferences
- 100% of registered PCFB committees were on time in submitting their 2023 January Periodic. The next filing due will be the July Periodic Report on 07/17/2023.
- PCFB staff is working with the Office of the State Comptroller to obtain access to the statewide financial system. SFS is needed to upload candidates to the system and ensure these candidates can receive electronic fund transfers payments of public funds.
- Enforcement unit has created internal controls and procedures.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

The adoption of Resolution 23-01 which relates to the appointment of William J. McCann, Jr. as Special Counsel to the Public Campaign Finance Board. **The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioner Lifton, Kolb, Gaskins-Nathan, Kellner, Kosinski, Casale and Spano voting in the affirmative; 7 Yes and 0 No).**

MOTION to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously (Commissioner Lifton, Kolb, Gaskins-Nathan, Kellner, Kosinski, Casale and Spano voting in the affirmative; 7 Yes and 0 No).

The next board meeting is TBD

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 pm.