

**Proposed Minutes
August 2, 2023**

Minutes of the New York State Public Campaign Finance Board of the New York State Board of Elections – August 2, 2023

The meeting of the New York State Public Campaign Finance Board was held at the office of the New York State Board of Elections, 40 North Pearl Street, Albany, New York, in the 3rd Floor Conference Room and called to order at approximately 12:00 p.m.

Commissioners present were Barbara Lifton (virtual), Brian Kolb (virtual), Keesha Gaskins-Nathan (virtual), Douglas Kellner, Peter Kosinski, Anthony Casale and Andrew Spano. Staff members present were Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky, Raymond Reilly, Cheryl Couser, Carl Zeilman, Robert Eckels, Kate Orsino, Nick Cartagena, Bill McCann, Brian Connor, Anne Tarpinian, Jennifer Wilson, and Mike Haber. There were 18 members of the public present. The State Board PIO office maintains the sign in sheet.

Minutes from May 16, 2023– The motion to accept the meeting minutes was approved unanimously (**Commissioners 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 the unit update on the Public Campaign Finance Program, including information on registration, staffing, space planning, project management, and subunit reports. Of note:

- The Public Campaign Finance Program has 58 candidates registered in the PCFB program. (Including 1 statewide candidate, 22 state senate candidates, and 35 state assembly candidates). 15 of the 58 have applied to be participating candidates.
- ITU completed the development of the March Periodic disclosure report.
- 1099 forms have been provided to participating candidates in order to create vendor accounts in the Statewide Financial System. 16 of 41 committees returned the 1099 form to us.
- The OSC approved the request to bulk upload payments into the SFS. Our ITU department created and is testing the internal payment application.
- The PCFB submitted its internal control report to the State Board.
- The unit is monitoring A.7760/S.7564 which would make changes to the program. It passed both houses but had not been delivered to the Governor for consideration.
- The Department of Civil Service will be considering our request to classify sixteen positions at its September meeting.
- Met with the New York City Campaign Finance Board staff on enforcement topics.
- The July periodic report was due on July 17th. Participating candidates had a 100% filing compliance rate.
- The training unit continues to host training sessions and staff continue to attend informational events and conferences. Over 413 people have been trained.
- Mandatory treasurer training sessions are underway. 220 participants attended these trainings.
- The software contract is being negotiated by OGS. The contract has been with OGS since May.
- The PCFB website was awarded an Accessibility Achievement Award by the NYS Office of Information Technology.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None.

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 to be determined. The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 pm.