

Proposed Minutes

May 1, 2024

Minutes of the New York State Public Campaign Finance Board - May 1, 2024

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 4th Floor Conference Room and called to order at approximately 12:00 p.m.

Commissioners present were Chair Barbara Lifton, Vice Chair Brian Kolb, Commissioner Essma Bagnuola, Commissioner Henry Berger, Commissioner Anthony Casale, and Commissioner Peter Kosinski. Staff members present were Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky, Raymond Riley, Cheryl Couser, Carl Zeilman, Bob Eckels, Kate Orsino, Aaron Suggs, Brian Connor, Ann Tarpinian, and Bill McCann.

Minutes from December 7, 2023– Minutes were approved. The motion was approved unanimously (**Commissioners Lifton, Kolb, Bagnuola, Berger, Casale, and Kosinski voting in the affirmative; 6 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 training, program payment authorization and issuance, staffing, project management, and subunit reports. Of note:

- There are 329 certified participating candidates in the program. Committees are broken down by 103 in the State Senate, 226 in the State Assembly. We have 1 committee registered for the statewide office for 2026.
- PCFB conducted an online media campaign in collaboration with OpAd media. The ad campaign was conducted in both English and Spanish. It ran from January 16th through February 11th.
- The New York State Comptroller's Office approved PCFB's request to upload bulk payments into SFS. PCFB's first payment will be on May 13th with 3 payments within 30 days of the Primary Election, scheduled for May 29th, June 10th, and June 18th.
- The state fiscal year 2024/25 budget was enacted administratively; therefore, the Public Campaign Finance Board received its full request for funding which was \$14.5 million
- The training unit continues to host training sessions. Since January 1, 2024, 847 individuals have attended a PCFB training session.
- PCFB staff are working with a new software vendor, MTX. MTX provides a Salesforce application designed to streamline auditing and payment processes for PCFB.
- PCFB staff are located on the 7th floor along with both Compliance and ITU staff.

Old Business:

-None

New Business:

- VOTE on Resolution 2024-01 pertaining to late filers settlements for the 2024 January Periodic report. The motion was approved unanimously (**Chair Lifton, Vice Chair Kolb, Commissioner Bagnuola, Commissioner Berger, Commissioner Casale, Commissioner Kosinski; 6 Yes and 0 No**).

- VOTE on resolution 2024-02 pertaining to the appointment of Aaron Suggs as PCFB Counsel.

(Commissioners Lifton, Kolb, Kosinski, Casale, Bagnuola, and Berger voting in the affirmative;
The motion was approved unanimously (**Chair Lifton, Vice Chair Kolb, Commissioner Bagnuola, Commissioner Berger, Commissioner Casale, Commissioner Kosinski; 6 Yes and 0 No**).

MOTION to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously (**Chair Lifton, Vice Chair Kolb, Commissioner Bagnuola, Commissioner Berger, Commissioner Casale, Commissioner Kosinski; 6 Yes and 0 No**).

The next board meeting date is May 7, 2024. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:30pm.