

Proposed Minutes

May 7, 2024

Minutes of the New York State Public Campaign Finance Board - May 7, 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 7th Floor Conference Room and called to order at approximately 12:00 p.m.

Commissioners present were Chair Barbara Lifton, Vice Chair Brian Kolb, Commissioner Anthony Casale and Commissioner Peter Kosinski. Commissioner Henry Berger and Commissioner Keesha Gaskins-Nathan joined remotely from the New York City Board of Elections office. Commissioner Essma Bagnuola joined remotely from the Nassau County Board of Elections office. Staff members present were Raymond Riley, Cheryl Couser, Carl Zeilman, Bob Eckels, Kate Orsino, Aaron Suggs, Brian Connor, Bill McCann, Julia Watjen, Vikki Gonzalo, Kathleen McGrath, and Jennifer Wilson.

New Business:

Co-Directors Cheryl Couser and Carl Zeilman provided an overview of Resolution 2024-03. Of note:

- the resolution would authorize payments of public matching funds for the 2024 Primary Election for the offices of State Senate and State Assembly. The resolution would authorize \$3,643,887.09 to be paid to 37 participating candidates.
- A total of \$886,236 would be paid out to 7 participating candidates for the office of State Senate.
- A total of \$2,757,651.09 would be paid out to 30 participating candidates for the office of State Assembly.
- PCFB staff audited each committee. Verifications of each audit were conducted by audit staff and payment analysts reviewed and entered each recommended payment for each committee.

VOTE on Resolution 24-03 which authorizes the first payments of public matching funds for the 2024 primary election for the offices of State Senate and State Assembly. The motion was approved unanimously (**Chair Lifton, Vice Chair Kolb, Commissioner Bagnuola, Commissioner Berger, Commissioner Casale, Commissioner Gaskins-Nathan, and Commissioner Kosinski; 7 Yes and 0 No**).

MOTION to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously (**Chair Lifton, Vice Chair Kolb, Commissioner Bagnuola, Commissioner Berger, Commissioners Casale, Commissioner Gaskins-Nathan, and Commissioner Kosinski; 7 Yes and 0 No**).

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:10 pm.