

Proposed Minutes

May 22, 2024

Minutes of the New York State Public Campaign Finance Board - May 22, 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 12:07 p.m.

Chair Barbara Lifton attended the meeting remotely from the Tompkins County Board of Elections. 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. Vice Chair Brian Kolb attended remotely, Commissioner Anthony Casale attended remotely, and Commissioner Peter Kosinski attended remotely. Staff members present were Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky, Raymond Riley, Cheryl Couser, Carl Zeilman, Bob Eckels, Kate Orsino, Aaron Suggs, Brian Connor, Kathleen McGrath, Jennifer Wilson, and Bill McCann.

New Business:

Co-Directors Cheryl Couser and Carl Zeilman provided an overview of Proposed Resolution 24-04 and Proposed Resolution 24-05. Of note:

- Resolution 24-04 would authorize a total of 50 committees to receive public matching funds. The total amount authorized would be \$2,323,631.29.
- The breakdown of this payment issuance is a total of \$305,912.30 paid out to 6 participating candidates for the office of State Senate and a total of \$2,000,718.99 would be paid out to 44 participating candidates for the offices of State Assembly.

VOTE on Resolution 24-04 pertaining to the authorization of public matching funds to be paid to eligible participating candidates related to the June 25th, 2024, Primary Election for the offices of State Senate and State Assembly. **(Chair Lifton, Vice Chair Kolb, Commissioner Bagnuola, Commissioner Casale, Commissioner Gaskins-Nathan, and Commissioner Kosinski; 6 Yes and 0 No).**

VOTE on Resolution 2024-05 pertaining to the authorization of future public matching fund payments with notification requirements to the Board. **(Chair Lifton, Vice Chair Kolb, Commissioner Bagnuola, Commissioner Casale, Commissioner Gaskins-Nathan, and Commissioner Kosinski; 6 Yes and 0 No).**

•PCFB Co-Directors Couser and Zeilman were asked to remark on the process to set up a vendor account with the State to get direct deposit of public matching funds.

- Every committee has a vendor account within the Statewide Financial System.
- Committee treasurers are required to set up the account and direct deposit.
- The default for those that do not set up direct deposit is that a check is issued. • Committees that have not set up direct deposit as their preferred payment method still elect this option in SFS.
- Email reminders are sent to all candidates and treasurers on how to opt into direct deposit.

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

The next board meeting date is to be determined. The meeting was unanimously voted to be adjourned at approximately 12:17pm.