

**Connecticut State Employee Campaign  
Committee Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, March 12, 2019**

**Members Present**

Charles Kistler (State Retiree)  
Julie Bernosky (Department of Administrative Services)  
Kathleen Gensheimer (Judicial Branch)  
Peggy Gray (Comptroller's Office) – VICE CHAIR  
Tim Newton (Department of Correction) – CHAIR  
Valerie Clark (Office of Policy & Management)

**Members Absent**

Cindy Cannata (Freedom of Information Commission)  
Ina Wilson (Department of Education)

**Campaign Manager/PCFO**

Kelli Byrd (United Way of Central and Northeastern CT)

**Guests**

Statewide Chair, Comptroller Kevin Lembo  
Betsy McDermont, Assistant to the Comptroller / Community Affairs Director

**Minutes**

Tim Newton, CSEC Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m. Tim mentioned posting the notes of the meeting to the CSEC website, indicating it was a working meeting. Peggy Gray, CSEC Committee Vice Chair, and Charlie Kistler second. All committee members were in favor.

CSEC Statewide Chair, Comptroller Kevin Lembo, joined the meeting. Kevin gave an update regarding state legislation. He mentioned the legislation team considered termination, but he is in support of the campaign. The fact that there are no good controls over money at special events is concerning. The bill legislation is trying to pass focuses on campaign sponsored events with no agency special events based on auditor findings. The bill also focuses on the following: CSEC being CT focused, due away with the federations, and committee oversight. Kevin mentioned there is a public hearing tomorrow and he will submit a testimony in favor of the campaign. Kevin requested from Tim the hometowns from every member of the committee. Kevin mentioned better marketing around CSEC and Connecticut. Kelli to look at the marketing around those organizations that are Connecticut based. Kevin suggested Kelli and the committee to work with Non-Profit Alliance. Kevin left out the meeting after this discussion.

Kelli discussed the campaign report, expressing the overall campaign total is currently at \$701,872.66.

Based on the committee's availability, it was suggested to schedule the Application Review to April 25 at 9:00 am for 6 hours.

Peggy requested Kelli send her the link to pdf of directory and a list of the current federations.

Tim requested we collect everyone's hometowns now, per Kevin's request.

- Kathleen (Simsbury/Canton)
- Julie (Southington/Plantsville)
- Valerie (Tolland)
- Charlie (Farmington)
- Tim (Newington)
- Peggy (West Hartford)
- Kelli (Hartford)

Ina and Cindy were not present. Kelli will collect this information from them and send to Tim.

Kathleen suggested Melanie Williamson from UConn as someone to sit on the committee.

Based on Kevin's discussion regarding the concerns of special events, Kelli to look at cash handling policies then to provide to committee and then give to Betsy/Natalie. Betsy mentioned a mechanism of not cash.

Betsy mentioned the concerns regarding a vendor process. Kelli to bring a policy to the next meeting.

Tim motioned for the meeting to adjourn at 2:31pm. Charlie second.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 9, 2019

(Respectfully submitted by CSEC Partnership Manager, Kelli Byrd)