

SC Campaign Finance Board Meeting Agenda
April 21, 2020 - 9:00 AM
via Conference Call

Participants on call: Lisa Scott-Chair, Honorable John Toomey, Adrian Fassett, Dan Dubois, Steve Randazzo, Gina Popovich

- 1. Call to Order:** 9:02 AM
- 2. Public Comments:** None
- 3. Approve April 7 and April 14, 2020 meeting minutes:** Motion by Honorable John Toomey, Seconded by Adrian Fassett.
- 4. Discussion:**

Lisa Scott: Gina, just for the record you and everyone there is going to be up to their eyeballs next week because of the General Meeting at the Legislature.

Gina: Yes, and everything is new and we're doing everything in a modified version so it's kind of good that we have Committees this week so we're kind of having a trial run.

Lisa Scott: Well, alright, we appreciate it, and so for next week, we should schedule the call anyway, and just make sure its recorded and then we can catch up with the minutes later? Or do any of you have a strong feeling of wanting to skip it next week?

Lisa Scott: Okay, why don't we do this...why don't we schedule it...Gina, I'll set it up on my recording with my line...

Gina: Okay. Yeah that's fine.

Lisa Scott: And if for whatever reason on Monday we'll all touch base and if there really isn't much going on, we can just delay it a week and do it the following.

Gina: Alright.

Honorable John Toomey and Adrian Fassett: Yeah that's fine.

Lisa Scott: And so in terms of the job posting, I did put the link on the agenda to the Indeed, I figured it was the easiest place to have it accessible for everyone too, and I delayed a couple of days to sending that to Amy, and suddenly discovered that although Indeed has it the way we had re-written it, when Amy had asked about other ways of accessing it and we sent her the Civil Service listing link, to be honest I didn't test it, so when I looked at it the other day I realized it takes you to the opening page, the home page, Civil Service, and I couldn't figure out how you found this listing, so Steve can you verify? Do you have a minute on that?

Steve Randazzo: It's basically, when you go to the Civil Service page and scroll down, it's the first posting, so there's really no search, you don't have to type anything in.

Lisa Scott: When I followed the link, it took me to a bunch of categories, how to find things, it was just really odd. Alright, so you're saying somehow that was just accidental that I found it that way and it won't look like that for everyone else?

Steve Randazzo: I got to double check the link that I sent you, but basically, I mean especially locally, I don't think that nationally people don't know about the Suffolk County Civil Service website, but I would say especially for our more local cliental, a lot of people are familiar with the job posting portion of the site and they check the exam, they check the upcoming Civil Service tests, they check exempt positions that open up over the course of the year so, I'm not overly concerned with people navigating the Civil Service website, I would say that really serves more of our regular, like our local cliental, verse the Indeed. If someone is really qualified for this job and they happen to live in California, they're not thinking "Oh, let me check the Suffolk County Civil Service website" they're probably just going to find the posting on some of the other public site like Indeed.

If it is all confusing, I can do my best to try and make it less confusing but, it likely, if you just Google Suffolk County Civil Service, that's the first thing that comes up, there's also, everything on this County website, you know, has its own kind of branch off with SuffolkCountyNY.gov, and then it's like back slash department, back slash Civil Service, and that's basically its main homepage and it gives the contact information, it gives the Police Lottery Exam results, you know, tens of thousands of people...

Lisa Scott: Right, and that's where I got bogged down, I don't want to labor the point, it really was because Amy had asked, it's not like I expected anyone else to be looking, but I wanted to make sure that I wasn't sending her a link to give to people who were actually qualified and looking, and they would get frustrated by not being able to find the position because the name of the position was different, for reasons I understand, because it had to do with what had you filed and what was approved last year, so hopefully it won't be an issue and people would use Indeed anyway. But you also haven't heard back from Patty regarding any prospects from last week?

Steve Randazzo: I just emailed you all the ones I got, and I emailed it, put it out, maybe 15 minutes ago or so? But I would say, I don't think you are going to like this one. I just think the other ones were a little more impressive but, that's my quick thing.

Lisa Scott: Okay, so this one, I see it now that came in, it actually came in at 9:02, okay. Yeah, good, good. Alright, so Jack? Adrian? Where do you think we go from here?

Adrian Fassett: I guess we have to wait for more resumes.

Lisa Scott: Okay, which is, what we have basically have said now that it's up, we're going to just play that by ear, or I know Jack, you had mentioned you had reviewed the ones we got beforehand that Patty had pulled and you felt at least one was very promising, do we want to reach out or do we still want to wait? I'm fine with whatever.

Honorable John Toomey: I think we should at this point wait until we get some more, and the one I liked was actually from, I forgot the name of it, Goldbridge Westchester?

Lisa Scott: Oh yeah, the one that had a lot of jobs up that way.

Honorable john Toomey: Yeah, he worked in Government, he had all the military experience, I mean...Honestly, I thought that he was the one, of all the ones I read that I could see bringing in and going further with, but at this point I rather go through the resumes and when we are in a position to bring them in, bring them in.

Lisa Scott: Okay, Adrian, do you concur on that?

Adrian Fassett: Yeah, I agree with Jack on that.

Lisa Scott: Okay, so with that makes me ask, is Dan, from your perspective, with your team having written very much of the Legislation and everything, you know, it's now mid-April, and it's unlikely we'll have anybody until the end of May at the earliest, where does that leave us in terms of any concern about not moving the needle on any of this stuff?

Dan Dubois: Well the person that comes on is going to have a big job, they're going to have to work though it fairly quickly, but I mean, no one can qualify until May of next year. So, at this point, they're going to have a full year to get them set up, before people start actually applying, so there's time, I wouldn't say you could wait until September, but it's not like people are going making a payment soon because no one is qualified yet because we need an opponent.

Lisa Scott: Okay, so I remember when we where brainstorming the Legislation well before it was passed, what has been said was that, since it was predicated on small local donations, some of the incumbents where thinking, if they were going to use the matching funds, they would start sooner with pancake breakfasts and doing things to just start putting individual small local donations into their campaign funds even though it wasn't a big push, you know, 19 months before the election or something...

Dan Dubois: Yeah, I think you want to have someone sooner rather than later so they can express to the campaign like you know, if you're interested in doing this or thinking about it now, I guess sort of the good news is because of the pandemic and everything being shut down, I don't think anyone is covering it right now anyway, so it's not like anyone is going out that doesn't know about the program, and they're going to fundraise the wrong way, and then we are going to need to back track because nothing is really happening right now anyway.

Lisa Scott: Okay, and that's a good point, you're not going to have too many coming to a pancake breakfast right now.

Dan Dubois: Exactly.

Lisa Scott: Okay, Adrian, Jack? Anything else at this point that you want to bring up?

Honorable John Toomey: I've been reading and I know we're funding through OTB correct?

Lisa Scott: Correct.

Honorable John Toomey: And it just seems like it could be, I think almost all our funds the spending of OTB am I correct on that Dan and Steve?

Dan and Steve: Yes, yes that's correct.

Honorable John Toomey: I have a feeling that OTB, and I think our biggest component is Jake's 58, and I could see that not being back online for a very long time, I was wondering if there was any concern of us being funded over, probably, the next year and a half or so.

Dan Dubois: Well, you do already do have a substantial amount of funding in the account right now, I don't know what it's going to look like going forward, OTB before all this was making money hand over fist, and they were going to have no issue reaching your obligations for this, so I don't know, but at least for the foreseeable future, for campaign cycle at least, there should be more than enough money.

Honorable John Toomey: Okay, I'm just turning our attention to it, it could be going forward a bit of a problem, or as their staff they can take this money which I'm sure they're going to need a lot of money when all of this is somewhat over and diverted out of...but they might deem more important function.

Dan Dubois: I mean, I guess there is always that possibility, as long as Rob is here, he's the Presiding Officer, he's going to fight for our program because he knows what the future holds, but for at least the first election cycle I don't think there should be a problem with funding.

Honorable John Toomey: I'm just saying going forward, it's going to be a big hit to our source of funds or it may not have any effect whatsoever, I really don't know, it was just something I was just thinking about.

Dan Dubois: Yeah, OTB there's a certain portion that they need to contribute to the County and some of that is diverted to this fund, if they make money, you know, this year, and they're making money at half the rate they were before, they would still easily fund us as they're obligation to the County, that's my understanding.

Honorable John Toomey: Okay, no problem.

Lisa Scott: Okay, Adrian...anything on your mind?

Adrian Fasset: Nope, nothing else.

Lisa Scott: Okay, alright, so I guess we will leave it at that.

Honorable John Toomey: Move to adjourn if that's what we need.

Adrian Fasset: I'll second

Lisa Scott: Okay, Jack and Adrian...Okay, so we'll get in touch about next week, we'll set up the call, I'll do that and we'll decide if we need to meet or just have a couple of email conversations and wait till the following...okay?

Honorable John Toomey: At this point, there's no meeting for next Tuesday, correct?

Adrian Fasset: I mean there's really no reason I guess, right?

Lisa Scott: Why don't we say we're skipping and we'll go to May 5th? We will touch base again on Monday to see if anything's come up, okay?

Gina: Okay.

Lisa Scott: The beginning of May, the week after the General Meeting.

Gina: Yeah, that's fine.

Lisa Scott: Okay, alright, well thank you all...

Meeting was adjourned @ 9:17AM