

**MINUTES**  
New Haven Democracy Fund Board  
Special Meeting  
November 17, 2008

Present: Caleb Kleppner (chair), Kevin DiAdamo, Steve Kovel, Dennis Curtis, Andria Matthews and Robert Wechsler (Administrator).

1. Meeting called to order.
2. The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the board meeting of August 11, 2008.
3. Public comments requested; no public comments offered.
4. Discussion of revised Forms.

The Board discussed and considered the Affidavit of Complaint, the 2009 Qualifying Threshold Reporting Form (Primary Election), and the 2009 Primary Election Request for Matching Funds. The Board discussed non-substantive changes to the latter two forms to make the language more consistent in both documents.

The Board discussed the Individual Contribution Card for the 2009 General Election Campaign. The Board discussed a modification to the section that requests additional donor information for campaign donations that exceed \$50 or more in the aggregate. An amendment was considered to provide that the requested information is a requirement of the Connecticut General Statutes. The form should also be amended to provide a box for payment by credit card.

The Board further discussed the 2009 Candidate Contract/Declaration of Candidate and Treasurer and the 2009 Participation Affidavit. For the latter form, the Board discussed some non-substantive changes to clarify the candidate's intent to participate or not participate in the election.

- Motion by Caleb Kleppner – The Board approves the revised Forms with the amendments as discussed during the meeting and Robert Wechsler is hereby authorized to make the modifications to same.

Said Motion seconded by Steve Kovel.

Passed in Favor 5-0-0.

2. Discussion of Draft regulations.

The Board discussed Section A, entitled “Civil Penalties”, including the merits of the ordinance’s \$2000 penalty cap, the size of the potential penalty amounts, and whether such penalties shall be mandatory or subject to Board or Administrator discretion. The Board proposed striking all but the first sentence of Section A, Paragraph 5 entitled “Notice of Proposed Penalty” to eliminate the hearing requirement. The Board also discussed adding a new paragraph 8 to Section A. The new paragraph would provide that, for good cause shown by a candidate, the Board has the discretion to waive all or any portion of a penalty. The Board tabled further discussion of the remaining sections of the draft regulations until the next scheduled Board meeting.

- Motion by Dennis Curtis – The Board approves Section A of the draft regulations with the amendments as discussed during the meeting and Robert Wechsler is hereby authorized to make the modifications to same.

Said Motion seconded by Caleb Kleppner.

Passed in Favor 5-0-0.

4. Agenda item “Recommendations regarding Democracy Fund Ordinance” tabled until next scheduled meeting.

7. Next meeting scheduled for December 15, 2008. Meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.