

**COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND FUNDING  
FOR THE PUBLIC ELECTION FUND  
Tuesday, June 18, 2019 – 7:30 p.m.  
Potomac River Conference Room  
Council Office Building**

**Committee Members Present:**

David Scull, Chair  
Nancy McMahan Farrar, Vice Chair  
Lee Annis, Jr.  
Sam Statland  
Stephen Whitted

**Staff:**

Amanda Mihill, County Council

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Committee Chair Scull called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Committee Chair Scull welcomed everyone and all Committee members introduced themselves by explaining relevant background information about themselves and their interest in the Committee. Amanda Mihill discussed housekeeping issues and the role of staff.

Committee members discussed the Committee's approach to the main task, which is to recommend an amount that the County should fund for the Public Election Fund. Committee members discussed that determining the amount of funding required is not yet an exact science and that many variables influence the amount of funds necessary.

The Committee met with Shannon Kief, Connecticut State Election Enforcement Commission, via speakerphone to discuss the Connecticut Citizens' Election Program. Ms. Kief noted that participation in the Connecticut program had been steady until 2018, when there was a large bump in the number of participants. Ms. Kief noted that it is difficult to predict with accuracy the amount of funds required to fund the program in each given election cycle.

Ms. Kief discussed with the Committee the Connecticut approach to auditing. Ms. Kief noted that campaigns are audited and violations are specified in categories. Only "category 3" violations are enforced.

Committee members agreed to next meet in September.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.