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**THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL ETHICS
CITIZEN'S ETHICS ADVISORY BOARD
OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS
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MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 3, 2022, SPECIAL MEETING

The Subcommittee on Municipal Ethics of the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board ("Subcommittee") of the Office of State Ethics ("OSE") held a Special Meeting on Thursday, November 3, 2022, by teleconference.

The Chair of the Subcommittee, Mary Bigelow, called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

The following Subcommittee members were present:

Mary Bigelow, Chair
Charles F. Chiusano
Cheryl Lipson

The following staff members of the OSE were present:

Peter Lewandowski, Executive Director
Melissa Hamilton, Paralegal & Clerk of the Board

The following topics were addressed during the meeting:

The Subcommittee members provided feedback as to their October 14, 2022, Special Meeting conversation with Matt Hoey, First Selectman of Guilford, concerning the status of municipal ethics in Connecticut. The Subcommittee discussed past legislative proposal that required every municipality in the state to adopt a code of ethics and reasons why the proposal did not advance through the General Assembly's House of Representatives. The Subcommittee expressed interest in pursuing the proposal again and having preliminary conversations with elected officials to determine any weaknesses of the proposal and how to successfully advance it through the legislature. Also discussed was a new legislative proposal that would establish a pilot program for several towns which would volunteer to participate for a specified period, whereby the enforcement of municipal ethics matters would shift to the state and such matters would be handled by assigned counsel through specifically appropriated funds. The Subcommittee members proposed holding preliminary discussions with state and municipal officials to determine interest and support for the pilot program; prepare talking points to use in such discussions; and to engage Connecticut Council of Small Towns and Connecticut Conference of Municipalities.

On the motion of Mr. Chiusano, seconded by Ms. Lipson, the Subcommittee voted three to zero to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Lewandowski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Peter Lewandowski
Executive Director
Office of State Ethics

November 17, 2022

Date approved
(By the Subcommittee of the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board)