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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 OCTOBER 14, 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 Friday, October 14, 2022, by teleconference.

The Chair of the Subcommittee, Mary Bigelow, called the meeting to order at 1:00 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:

Subcommittee members discussed the status of municipal ethics in Connecticut with Matt Hoey, First Selectman of Guilford. The discussion focused on the possible regionalization of municipal ethics matters; benefits and disadvantages of pursuing regional enforcement of local ethics matters; the role of the local ethics board and the role of the regional Councils of Governments in ethics enforcement; future consideration of a legislative proposal that requires every municipality to adopt a code of ethics; and pursuit of a pilot program with a specific number of municipalities who would be interested in working with the Office of State Ethics for an established time period (e.g., three years) as a possible venue for ethics enforcement appeals, with consideration of contracted legal help to manage such appeals. The subcommittee will discuss possible legislative proposals at its future meeting.

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 1:55 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)