



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY
STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD

Final & Approved
Minutes

Friday, March 8, 2019 Meeting of the State Contracting Standards Board
5th Floor Conference Room
18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, Connecticut

Members Present:

Lawrence Fox, Chair
Alfred Bertoline
Bruce Buff
Charles Casella, Jr.
Albert Ilg
Salvatore Luciano
Stuart Mahler
Jean Morningstar
Robert Rinker

David L. Guay, Executive Director - ex-officio board member

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Chair Lawrence Fox at 10:00 A.M.

2. Approve the Minutes of the February 8, 2019 Meeting

Motion made by Alfred Bertoline and seconded by Bruce Buff to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2019 Board meeting as corrected. All voted in favor.

3. Report of the Privatization Contract Committee

Chair Fox reported that a meeting has been scheduled with the new Commissioner of Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Josh Geballe. One of the purposes of the meeting will be to discuss what Information Technology (IT) area is appropriate for the Privatization Contract Committee to review. Chair Fox noted that Commissioner Geballe has an IT background.

Robert Rinker explained that the matter taken up by the Privatization Contract Committee at the meeting on February 8, 2019 was a petition by a labor organization for a review and that the Privatization Contract Committee and the Board will have to dispose of that matter. If it a matter of jurisdiction then the Board will have to make that decision. Mr. Rinker would like to hear from our Assistant Attorney General on the issue of jurisdiction.

Executive Director Guay suggested that rather than try to deal with the issue of jurisdiction today, that the Board's Assistant Attorney General be invited to the next meeting to respond to the issue of jurisdiction. Executive Director further suggested that the member's produce a list of other areas of jurisdiction issues and raise them at the same time.

4. Report from the Sec. 4e-36 Contested Solicitations and Awards Subcommittee

Chair Rinker reported that there is no pending action for the Board.

5. Work Group Reports

a. Report from Audit Work Group

In the absence of Audit Work Group Chair Thomas Ahneman, Executive Director Guay reported that the Work Group postponed today's meeting in order to allow more time to receive and send out for Work Group member review the latest self-audit questionnaires.

6. Feedback – Appropriations Budget Hearing

Chair Fox initiated discussion on the review of the Board's Appropriations Budget Hearing by noting that they started the Board's presentation about a half hour early. Chair Fox believes our presentation was received well, and they were interested in our report about saving money.

Chair Fox discussed the upcoming work group meeting of the Appropriations Committee on March 28, 2019 and noted that Representative Walker wants the Board to participate in the Appropriations Accountability work group.

Chair Fox also noted that he is also attempting to set up a meeting with Secretary of the Office and Policy (OPM) Melissa McCaw. Chair Fox reiterated that it is important to have a meeting with the administration first.

Albert Ilg praised Chair Fox's presentation and thought it was received well. Mr. Ilg also wanted to know how we respond back to the Appropriations Committee. Mr. Ilg also noted he had

other issues such as jurisdiction over UConn and quasi-public entities. Mr. Ilg suggested answering each question to the individual legislator that asked the question and then follow-up.

Executive Director Guay informed the Board that the next meeting with Appropriations will be with the General Government A Subcommittee work session scheduled for 1:30 P.M. on Thursday March 28, 2019.

Chair Fox offered that what Al Ilg has raised is exactly the discussion to have now, which is how do we drive this advocacy. Chair Fox asked for the wisdom of the group.

Salvatore Luciano praised Chair Fox's presentation at the Appropriations hearing, noting the positive bipartisan response.

Chair Fox discussed the Administration Officials that should be contacted and scheduled for a meeting with Chair Fox and any other Board member that wishes to attend.

Chair Fox discussed that the Legislative effort this year should not be Executive Director Guay's sole responsibility. Chair Fox stated he is prepared to spend a lot of time on it, but it would be good to have other Board members participate in the effort. Board members volunteered their efforts. Charles Casella reminded the Board that meeting with Legislative Leadership is necessary, especially showing where money can be saved. Mr. Casella urged the sharing of our Department of Transportation findings in Bridge Safety Inspections, especially how money can be saved by having state employees do the work rather than contract out for the service. Chair Fox followed that we need to be sharing our two studies and the findings in those studies.

Bruce Buff raised for discussion the draft response to the Appropriations Committee questions created by Executive Director Guay. Executive Director Guay recommended that Board members review the draft and send additions, deletions and amendments to him.

Chair Fox summarized the discussion, by stating he will be setting up a plan and contacting members for assistance.

7. Standards Review

Executive Director Guay reported that he has applied for a Master's candidate intern from UConn with the direction and help of Albert Ilg. Executive Director Guay noted that he had previously forwarded the job description created for the position which is a gathering of all the procurement rules in Connecticut State Government into one place.

8. Other Business

No other business raised.

9. Public Comment

No public comment.

10. Adjournment

Motion made by Alfred Bertoline and seconded by Bruce Buff to adjourn. All voted in favor, the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

Respectfully submitted: David Guay