



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY
STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD

Final & Approved
Minutes

Friday, June 11, 2021 Meeting of the State Contracting Standards Board
Via Microsoft Teams Video Conference

Members Present:

Lawrence Fox, Chair
Alfred Bertoline
Bruce Buff
Lauren Gauthier
Albert Ilg
Donna Karnes
Salvatore Luciano
Stuart Mahler
Jean Morningstar
Robert Rinker
Daniel Rovero
Brenda Sisco

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

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Chair Lawrence Fox at 10:04 A.M.

2. Approve the Minutes of the May 14, 2021 Meeting

Motion made by Lauren Gauthier and seconded Alfred Bertoline to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2021 Board meeting. All voted in favor

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

Subcommittee Chair Robert Rinker reported no matters before the Subcommittee.

4. Privatization Contract Committee Report

Committee Chair Lawrence Fox reported that no matters were pending before the Committee.

5. Work Group Reports

a. Report from Audit Work Group

Executive Director David Guay reported for the absent Audit Work Group Chair Thomas Ahneman:

- The Work Group did not meet this month

The work group work is ongoing, and the work group is revising the audit instrument based on agency feedback and working on the list of agencies to audit for Fiscal Year 20

i. Consider acceptance of Department of Administrative Services BEST Compliance Report

Motion made by Alfred Bertoline and seconded by Jean Morningstar to accept the report of the Department of Administrative Services BEST. All voted in favor.

ii. Consider Acceptance of the Connecticut Department of Revenue Services Compliance Report

Motion made by Alfred Bertoline and seconded by Daniel Rovero to accept the report of the Department of Revenue Services. All voted in favor.

iii. Consider Acceptance of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Compliance Report

Motion made by Alfred Bertoline and seconded by Stuart Mahler to accept the report of the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection. All voted in favor.

iv. Consider Acceptance of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Compliance Report

Motion made by Jean Morningstar and seconded by Donna Karnes to accept the report of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. All voted in favor.

6. Legislative Update

Executive Director, David Guay reported the following four bills of interest:

Substitute for Raised S.B. No. 920 AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS. As of 6/4/21 Passed Senate and House as amended by Senate A.

Substitute for H.B. No. 6194 AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND OVERSIGHT OF QUASI-PUBLIC AGENCY CONTRACTS. As of 5/4/21 it is tabled for the Calendar, House.

Substitute HB 6444 AN ACT CONCERNING THE MODERNIZATION OF STATE SERVICES. As of 6/4/21 Passed House and Senate as amended by House Amendment A.

Substitute for Raised S.B. No. 1076 AN CONCERNING PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS AND PRIVATIZATION OF STATE SERVICES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT HEALTH CENTER. As of 6/9/21 Passed House and Senate as amended by Senate Amendment A.

Chair, Lawrence Fox reported:

The Legislative budget passed at the close of the regular session granted the Board the funding for the vacant Chief Procurement Officer position and the creation of a Staff Attorney 1, Trainer, Accounts Examiner and Research Analyst position with associated costs.

- The need and opportunity for strategic planning.
- Set the July 9, 2021 meeting for strategic planning.
- Goal of filling the positions by January 2022.
- Set goals for fiscal year 2022.
- Possible work group adjustment.

7. Consideration of a Matter of a resolved SEEC Complaint by Alan Laxowski (Self-Reported), Hartford File No. 2021-055

Executive Director, David Guay reported at the June 11, 2021 meeting:

The Capital Regional Development Authority's General Counsel contacted the Board on April 19, 2021 for advice on a possible unqualified perspective bidder based on a settlement with the State Elections Enforcement Commission for unauthorized political contributions (sec 4e-34). The Board may find this possible after a hearing based on the type of settlement reached. Since the settlement agreement is public, a different potential bidder could bring it to the Board under 4e-36 subcommittee.

Executive Director Guay reported that the perspective bidder did not win the contract thus making the matter moot.

8. Public Comment

No comments from public.

9. Adjournment

Motion made by Robert Rinker and seconded by Albert Ilg to adjourn. All voted in favor, the motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 11:08 A.M.

Respectfully submitted: David Guay