



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY  
STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD

Final & Approved  
Minutes

Friday, August 13, 2021 Meeting of the State Contracting Standards Board  
165 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, Connecticut 06106  
Conference Rooms G006D & G007E

**Members Present:**

Lawrence Fox, Chair  
Alfred Bertoline  
Bruce Buff  
Lauren Gauthier– Via conference telephone  
Albert Ilg  
Donna Karnes – Via conference telephone  
Stuart Mahler  
Salvatore Luciano– Via conference telephone  
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 July 9, 2021 Meeting

Motion made by Alfred Bertoline and seconded by Albert Ilg to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2021 Board meeting. All voted in favor

3. Board Funding and other Legislation

Chair Fox urged members to speak to the Legislators they know.

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

Contested Solicitations and Awards Subcommittee Chair Robert Rinker reported no matters before the Subcommittee

#### 5. Privatization Contract Committee Report

Privatization Contract Committee Chair Lawrence Fox reported that the Committee has not met. Chair Fox announced the appointment of Salvatore Luciano to the Committee, Mr. Luciano has agreed to fill the vacant position on the Committee caused by the passing of Charles Casella.

Chair Fox announced that the Committee would be scheduling a meeting to discuss the review of the Department of Transportation and the hiring of bridge inspectors.

#### 6. Work Group Reports

##### a. Audit Work Group

Executive Director Guay reported for the absent Work Group Chair Thomas Ahneman. The work of the Work Group continues with the redrafting of the audit document.

##### b. Data Analysis Work Group

Data Analysis Work Group Chair Alfred Bertoline reported preliminary research on the study of Memorandum of Understandings and Memorandum of Agreements. Chair Bertoline offered that the Work Group would need to meet soon to discuss its study of Memorandum of Understandings and Memorandum of Agreements.

#### 7. Update from Connecticut Port Authority Review

Chair Fox initiated discussion by reviewing that the Budget implementor Bill changed the Connecticut Port Authority status to that of a contracting agency under the purview of the State Contracting Standards Board and at last month's meeting decided to reconstitute and continue our review of the Connecticut Port Authority.

Lauren Gauthier made a motion for the Board to transmit to the Attorney General an official communication of suspected collusion in the matter of the Connecticut Port Authority under C.G.S. Sec. 4e-31. Ms. Gauthier highlighted several potential areas of suspected collusion. Donna Karnes and Salvatore Luciano seconded the motion.

Under discussion, Brenda Sisco asked if we had the details of the information before them today. Chair Fox also expressed a desire to have the information and the allegations before them. Ms. Gauthier offered to compile the information and circulate to the Board.

Upon the suggestion of Executive Director Guay, Ms. Gauthier withdrew her motion and Ms. Karnes withdrew her second and Mr. Luciano withdrew his second. Ms. Gauthier agreed to gather the information necessary for an agenda item and vote at the September 10, 2021 meeting of the Board.

Chair Fox summarized his understanding of the matter.

- The motion has been withdrawn
- We will put this matter on the September agenda
- Executive Director Guay and Ms. Gauthier will assemble the relevant material
- Chair Fox added that we should speak with the Attorney General Office
- Whatever we decide to do in September, parts of the review and investigation are appropriate for the Board to undertake
- Chair Fox added a question to be answered. What is the extent of support that is being provided by the Department of Administrative Services and the Office of Policy and Management? Is the support reactive or proactive?

Albert Ilg offered that this may be appropriate for a Special Meeting rather than waiting for the September 10, 2021 meeting.

#### 8. Other Business

Bruce Buff speculated whether it would be appropriate for the Board to have a Blog? Chair Fox responded that we have to be conscious of anything written would have to be approved by the Board and that ends up not being what blogging is.

#### 9. Public Comment

Travis Woodward, a Department of Transportation Engineer and President of CSEA SEIU Local 2001 P-4 Bargaining Unit addressed the Board.

Kevin Blacker addressed the Board.

#### 10. Annual Executive Director Performance Evaluation (Executive Session per C.G.S. §§ 1-231 and 1-200(6) Discussion concerning the employment, performance, and evaluation of the Executive Director

Motion made by Alfred Bertoline seconded by Albert Ilg to move into executive session with Executive Director Guay for the purpose of discussion concerning the employment, performance, and evaluation of the Executive Director. All voted in favor, entered Executive Session at 11:10 A.M.

Motion made by Salvatore Luciano seconded by Daniel Rovero to move out of executive session and back into regular session. All voted in favor, entered back into regular session at 11:30 A.M.

Motion made by Salvatore Luciano and seconded by Daniel Rovero to rate the performance of the Executive Director as exceeds expectations and in accordance with ITEM NO. 2799-E the State Contracting Standards Board authorizes a 4% annual increase as of July 1, 2021 for an overall rating of "exceeds expectations".

#### 11. Adjournment

Motion made by Daniel Rovero and seconded by Brenda Sisco to adjourn. All voted in favor, the motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 11:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted: David Guay