

APPENDIX 20: CSC STAFF BIOS AND CSC COUNCIL MEMBERS

Following are staff bios for the Connecticut Siting Council's administrative and technical staff. The most up-to-date listing of CSC members for Energy & Telecommunications matters is on the [CSC website](#).

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Melanie Bachman is the Executive Director and Staff Attorney with over 16 years of experience at the CSC. Her principal responsibilities include management of office operations and professional staff, formation of agency policies, preparation of agency budget and reports, advising members and staff on legal matters, application of statutes, regulations, case law and legal principles to jurisdictional matters, drafting regulations, conclusions of law and legislative testimony, representation of the agency in administrative proceedings, on boards and at professional conferences, ensuring final decisions comply with applicable state and federal laws, coordination of agency meetings and proceedings, organization of jurisdictional matters according to statutory deadlines, certification of evidentiary records, consultation with the Attorney General's Office on court appeals, arrangement of facility site inspections and associated facility status meetings, and collaboration with local, state, regional and federal entities and other stakeholders. Attorney Bachman holds a B.S. in Management Systems from Fordham University and a J.D. from UCONN Law School, as well as prior experience in legal education, business management and administrative, land use and real estate law.

Lisa Fontaine is the Fiscal Administrative Officer with over 24 years of experience at the CSC. Her principal responsibilities include budgeting, financial reporting, accounts receivable, assessment and direct-charge invoicing, policy formulation, liaison with central state agencies, ethics compliance officer, human resource administration, records retention, report drafting, contract negotiation and purchasing, as well as supervision of the administrative team. Ms. Fontaine holds an associate's degree in management from Endicott College, as well as prior experience in child development and construction business management.

Lisa Mathews is an Office Assistant with over 11 years of experience at the CSC. Her principal responsibilities include interfacing with the public and stakeholders, drafting correspondence, processing documents, receiving application and petition materials, responding to general inquiries, and maintaining records. Ms. Mathews holds a B.S. in Sociology from Central Connecticut State University and has over 20 years of experience in office administration focused on customer service and document management.

Dakota LaFountain is an Office Assistant with over 1 year of experience at the CSC. Her principal responsibilities include processing new applications and petitions, drafting correspondence, preparing meeting materials, providing general information in response to inquiries from the public and stakeholders, and maintaining the agency website. Ms. LaFountain attended Daytona State College and has over 10 years of experience in office administration focused on data management and organizational efficiency.

TECHNICAL TEAM

Christina Walsh is the Supervising Siting Analyst with over 24 years of experience at the CSC. Her principal responsibilities include agency data officer, supervision of the technical team, evaluation of applications, petitions and other jurisdictional requests for completeness, analysis of environmental impacts and associated mitigation measures, creation of telecommunications coverage assessments, development of policies and standards, examination of costs and siting impacts associated with proposed and existing jurisdictional facilities, prioritization of technical work, preparation of reports, assessments, enforcement actions and correspondence, monitor the status of facilities and compliance with reporting requirements, and management of agency databases. Ms. Walsh holds a B.S. in Environmental Science from Marist College and a M.S. in Environmental Science from the University of New Haven with specialization in Geographic Information Systems.

Robert Mercier is a Siting Analyst 2 with over 23 years of experience at the CSC. His principal responsibilities include evaluation of all types of jurisdictional facilities, development of the evidentiary record, analysis of environmental impacts associated with the construction, maintenance and operation of jurisdictional facilities, interpretation of environmental and technical material and data, assessment of environmental mitigation measures, identification of siting issues and associated technological advancements, and generation of proposed final decisions, as well as ongoing research related to environmental, operational, health and safety issues pertaining to energy and telecommunications facilities. Mr. Mercier holds a B.S. in Biology and Environmental Science from Central Connecticut State University and prior experience in environmental consulting, design and management and nature center education.

Michael Perrone is a Siting Analyst 2 with over 21 years of experience at the CSC. His principal responsibilities include evaluation of all types of jurisdictional facilities, development of the evidentiary record, analysis of costs and cost allocation associated with construction, maintenance and operation of jurisdictional facilities, and generation of proposed final decisions, as well as compilation of the annual Forecast of Connecticut Electric Loads and Resources and Life Cycle Cost Analysis of Overhead and Underground Electric Transmission Lines Reports. Mr. Perrone holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Mathematics from the University of New Haven, additional training in Electrical Engineering from Michigan Technological University and ongoing experience with troubleshooting for family HVAC business.

Ifeanyi Nwankwo is a Siting Analyst 1 with 6 years of experience at the CSC. His principal responsibilities include evaluation of jurisdictional facilities and modifications to existing facilities for compliance with statutory requirements and relevant structural engineering codes, analysis of costs associated with proposed jurisdictional facilities, development of the evidentiary record and generation of proposed final decisions. Mr. Nwankwo holds a Civil and Water Resources Engineering Technology degree from the National Water Resources Institute in Nigeria and a master's certification in Water Resources and Environmental Management from the University of

Hertfordshire in the United Kingdom, as well as prior experience as a regional telecommunications facility and field operations manager in Nigeria.

Adam Morrone is a Siting Analyst 1 with over 2 years of experience at the CSC. His principal responsibilities include evaluation of tower sharing and tower modification requests for completeness, examination of jurisdictional facilities and modifications to existing facilities for compliance with statutory requirements and relevant structural engineering codes, development of proposed approvals for tower sharing and modifications, maintenance of the telecommunications database, revision of the Statewide Telecommunications Plan, and analysis of jurisdictional facility petitions. Mr. Morrone holds a B.S in Molecular and Cell Biology from UCONN, as well as prior experience in agriculture and land use.