



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS

**CITIZEN'S ETHICS ADVISORY BOARD  
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165 Capitol Avenue, Suite 1200, Hartford, CT 06106**

### **MINUTES OF THE JUNE 27, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING**

The Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board ("Board") of the Office of State Ethics ("OSE") held a Special Meeting on Thursday, June 27, 2024. The meeting was held online via TEAMS video conferencing platform.

**Chair of the Board, Dena Castricone, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.**

**The following Board members were present:**

Dena Castricone, Chair  
N. Beth Cook, Vice-Chair  
Charles Chiusano  
Jason Farrell

Thomas Jones  
Cheryl Lipson  
Laura Schuyler

**The following staff members of the OSE were present:**

Peter Lewandowski, Executive Director  
Brian O'Dowd, General Counsel  
Sarah Clark, Director of Education &  
Communications

Marianne Sadowski, Deputy General Counsel  
Carol Langevin, Associate Accounts Examiner  
Malissa Hurry, Paralegal  
Al Alaaeldin, Information Technology Analyst 2

**The following topic was addressed during the meeting:**

General Counsel Brian O'Dowd presented Draft Advisory Opinion No. 2024-2, issued in response to the Petition submitted by the Office of the Governor on behalf of Philip Zecher concerning the application of a new gift exception in the Code of Ethics for Public Officials to a potential member of the Investment Advisory Council. Chair Castricone inquired if a representative of the Petitioner was present and wished to comment on the Draft Advisory Opinion, and Charlotte Moller from the Office of the Governor informed the Board that she did not. After the Board discussed the matter and asked a few questions to, and received answers from, General Counsel O'Dowd, the Board proposed to include two footnotes in the final draft of the opinion to address the Board's concerns.

**On the motion of Mr. Chiusano, seconded by Ms. Cook, the Board voted six (6) to zero (0), with Mr. Farrell abstaining, to approve Draft Advisory Opinion No. 2024-2 with the addition of two footnotes as recommended by members of the Board.**

Adjournment

**On the motion of Mr. Farrell, seconded by Mr. Chiusano, the Board voted seven (7) to zero (0) to adjourn the meeting.**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 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

Date approved.  
(By the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board)