



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS

**THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL ETHICS  
CITIZEN'S ETHICS ADVISORY BOARD  
OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS  
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### **MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 18, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING**

The Subcommittee on Municipal Ethics of the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board ("Subcommittee") of the Office of State Ethics ("OSE") held a Special Meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2024.

The Chair of the Subcommittee, Mary Bigelow, called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.

**The following Subcommittee members were present:**

Mary Bigelow, Chair  
Charles F. Chiusano  
Beth Cook  
Thomas Jones  
Cheryl Lipson

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

Peter Lewandowski, Executive Director  
Sarah Clark, Director of Education & Communications  
Melissa Hamilton, Paralegal & Clerk of the Board

The following topics were addressed during the meeting:

Chair Mary Bigelow informed the Subcommittee of her recent discussions with state legislators regarding the status of municipal ethics in Connecticut. Executive Director Peter Lewandowski discussed recent history of legislative initiatives involving municipal ethics and their advancement in the General Assembly. Discussion focused on where in Connecticut General Statutes would proposed municipal legislative initiatives reside, including any applicable enabling statutes and whether the Office of State Ethics could implement provisions through the regulatory process. Subcommittee members also discussed how those municipalities that do not have any ethics provisions in place would adopt them and how the Office of State Ethics can work with them to promote adoption. Board member Thomas Jones suggested that the Office of State Ethics could advance a new bill whereby the existing conflicts of interest provision contained under statutes governing municipal powers could be expanded. The Subcommittee proposed that the Office of State Ethics pursue two municipal ethics bills during the 2024 legislative session. One that requires outstanding municipalities to adopt a code of ethics and another that expands the municipal conflicts of interest provision under statutes governing municipal powers.

**On the motion of Mr. Chiusano, seconded by Ms. Cook, the Subcommittee voted five to zero to adjourn the meeting.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 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 "L".

Peter Lewandowski  
Executive Director  
Office of State Ethics

January 18, 2024

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