



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS

### CITIZEN'S ETHICS ADVISORY BOARD

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### MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2026 REGULAR MEETING

The Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board (Board) of the Office of State Ethics (OSE) held a Meeting on Thursday, January 15, 2026.

Chair of the Board, N. Beth Cook, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

#### **The following Board members were present:**

N. Beth Cook, *Chair*

Charles Chiusano, *Vice-chair (virtual)*

Karess Cannon

Kenneth Greenberg

Cheryl Lipson *(virtual)*

Kevin Profit *(virtual)*, joined at 1:03 p.m.

Laura Schuyler

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

Peter Lewandowski, *Executive Director*

Brian O'Dowd, *General Counsel*

Mark Wasielewski, *Ethics Enforcement Officer*

Sarah Clark, *Director of Education & Communications*

Marianne Sadowski, *Deputy General Counsel (virtual)*

Marc Crayton, *Deputy Ethics Enforcement Officer (virtual)*

Jennifer Montgomery, *Associate General Counsel*

Diane Buxo, *Assistant General Counsel*

Sam Rosengren, *Assistant Ethics Enforcement Officer*

Carol Langevin, *Associate Accounts Examiner*

Melissa Hamilton, *Paralegal Specialist, Legal Division & Clerk of the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board*

#### **The following topics were addressed during the meeting:**

1. The Minutes of the December 18, 2025 Regular meeting were presented to the Board for approval.

**On the motion of Mr. Greenberg, seconded by Vice-chair Chiusano, the Board voted six (6) to zero (0) to approve the Minutes of the December 18, 2025 Regular Meeting.**

2. Chair Cook presented the chairperson's report, announcing the formation of two subcommittees discussed at last month's meeting. The Executive Director's Annual Review subcommittee has been formed, and Vice-chair Chiusano will serve as the Chair of the subcommittee. Other members of the subcommittee include Ms. Lipson, Mr. Profit, and Ms. Schuyler. Chair of the Executive Director's Annual Review subcommittee, Vice-chair Chiusano, provided a report on the subcommittee's recent meeting.

Chair Cook called upon Executive Director Lewandowski to discuss his 2026 goals and objectives.

**On the motion of Vice-chair Chiusano, seconded by Mr. Greenberg, the Board voted seven (7) to zero (0) to accept the Executive Director's Goals and Objectives for 2026.**

The Strategic Plan subcommittee was also formed, and it will be chaired by Chair Cook.

3. Associate Accounts Examiner Langevin presented six (6) client lobbyist audit reports to the Board for approval:

(i) CAFCA

**On the motion of Mr. Greenberg, seconded by Ms. Schuyler, the Board voted seven (7) to zero (0) to approve the audit report for CAFCA.**

(ii) Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston

**On the motion of Ms. Cannon, seconded by Ms. Schuyler, the Board voted seven (7) to zero (0) to approve the audit report for Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston.**

(iii) Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund

**On the motion of Vice-chair Chiusano, seconded by Ms. Schuyler, the Board voted seven (7) to zero (0) to approve the audit report for Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund.**

(iv) Generations Family Health Center

**On the motion of Mr. Greenberg, seconded by Ms. Cannon, the Board voted seven (7) to zero (0) to approve the audit report for Generations Family Health Center.**

(v) CONNECTICUT AFL-CIO

Ms. Langevin, in reply to Ms. Schuyler's question, explained that CONNECTICUT AFL-CIO's overstated findings were due to its inclusion of its in-house communicator's fringe benefits, which are not allowed.

**On the motion of Vice-chair Chiusano, seconded by Mr. Profit, the Board voted seven (7) to zero (0) to approve the audit report for CONNECTICUT AFL-CIO.**

(vi) Caregiver Homes of Connecticut, Inc.; d/b/a Careforth

**On the motion of Mr. Greenberg, seconded by Vice-chair Chiusano, the Board voted seven (7) to zero (0) to approve the audit report for Caregiver Homes of Connecticut, Inc.; d/b/a Careforth.**

4. General Counsel O'Dowd presented the Legal Division report, providing an update on the anticipated Petition for Advisory Opinion, which he discussed at length at last month's meeting, from the Insurance Department. He also informed the Board of a potential Petition for Advisory Opinion from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.
5. Ethics Enforcement Officer Wasielewski requested a volunteer to serve as the hearing officer for hearings scheduled on March 12, 2026, under the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act (UAPA), and Mr. Profit volunteered.

In addition, Mr. Wasielewski presented the following highlights from the Enforcement Division:

- Following the submission of the Division's written report, two matters concerning the Department of Correction were settled for \$500 each. The Matter of Nicholas Augelli (Docket No. 2024-09) and the Matter of Timiki Jackson (Docket No. 2024-49) both involved alleged misuse of the Temporary Emergency Lodging Program/Hotel Accommodations Program (TELP).
- The Division has started enforcing the late filings of client lobbyists' combined third and fourth quarter financial disclosures (ETH-2D), as well as communicator lobbyists' annual financial disclosures (ETH-2A), which were due by January 10. The Division has noticed for hearing or resolved ten (10) matters thus far. Those matters which have not resolved are scheduled to be heard at the March 12, 2026 UAPA hearing. Approximately 130 lobbyists were given a grace period within which to submit their reports.

6. Education & Communications Director Clark presented the Education & Communications report, highlighting the following:

- The office has been receiving ethics training requests daily. Ms. Clark noted that many of these requests are from agencies she has not trained to date.
- On February 3, 2026, the day before the legislative session begins, the OSE will host an in-person lobbyist training at the State Capitol. The training this year is more targeted, so it will take place in a shorter, 2-hour timeframe, from 10:00 a.m. until noon.
- She thanked IT staff Ann Morgan and Alaaeldin Ali for their assistance and leadership in making certain that the OSE's website complies with the statewide American with Disabilities Act update initiative.

7. Executive Director Lewandowski presented his report, addressing the following items:

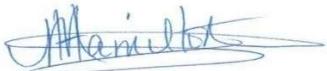
- **Board Vacancy.** OSE is still waiting for the appointment from the Office of the Governor to fill the final Board vacancy.
- **Lobbyist Financial Report Filing.** The new year marks a busy season for OSE because of the lobbyist ETH-2D and ETH-2A reports deadline (on January 10<sup>th</sup>). Mr. Lewandowski thanked the staff, especially the Legal Division, for handling legal questions, and IT staff, Ms. Morgan and Mr. Ali, for fielding technical questions and working over the weekend. (This year's deadline fell on a Saturday.)
- **Legislative Proposals.** The Board-approved legislative proposals will be submitted to the committees of cognizance: The Government Administration and Elections Committee and the Government Oversight Committee.
- **Audit.** OSE has been selected by state auditors for audits of fiscal years 2024 and 2025. A report is not anticipated until the end of 2026 or early 2027.
- **Personnel Matters.** Mr. Lewandowski announced the departure of Associate Accounts Examiner, Ms. Langevin. He shared contributions made by Ms. Langevin over her tenure and noted her positive work ethic. On behalf of the staff of OSE, he wished her well in her new endeavor. Chair Cook echoed those sentiments, as did Mr. Profit and Vice-chair Chiusano.

8. Chair Cook invited public comments, but none were provided. She further noted that neither an executive session nor a closed session is necessary for this month's meeting.
9. Adjournment

**On the motion of Ms. Schuyler, seconded by Vice-chair Chiusano, the Board voted seven (7) to zero (0) to adjourn the meeting.**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Melissa Hamilton  
Clerk of the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board  
Office of State Ethics  
Paralegal Specialist

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