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Office of State Ethics Executive Director Carol Carson to Retire

Hartford – Today the Citizen’s Ethics Advisory Board announced the August 1, 2019 retirement of its Executive Director, Carol Carson of Glastonbury, Connecticut.

Ms. Carson was selected in 2007 by the Citizen’s Ethics Advisory Board to be the agency’s CEO and the “public face” of the Office of State Ethics. She was charged with restoring public trust and confidence in Connecticut’s government ethics administration. Ms. Carson provided steady leadership and established the Office of State Ethics as a respected independent ethics agency providing guidance, advice and education as well as fair and vigorous enforcement of violations of the Code of Ethics, along with increased transparency for Connecticut’s citizens. Over her tenure, the CEAB has recognized her performance as distinctly and consistently outstanding.

From the beginning, Ms. Carson was a passionate, aggressive advocate for the Office of State Ethics. Dedicated to excellence and responsiveness, she never faltered at maintaining the necessary balance and judgment when carrying out her duties, even while experiencing a 38% staff reduction as well as the difficulties that resulted during the consolidation of nine agencies into the Office of Governmental Accountability in 2011. In 2016, Ms. Carson’s tenacity was integral to the deconsolidation and restored independence of the Office of State Ethics.

Ms. Carson is a past president of the Council on Government Ethics Laws, which awarded her the Outstanding Service Award in 2010, and served as a member of the editorial board of the Public Integrity Journal. She also served on Hartford’s Citizen Police Review Board, served as the chair of Hartford-based non-profit Family Life Education and as program committee co-chair on the Connecticut Women’s Council Board. She is a magna cum laude graduate of Wellesley College and holds a Master of Science in Public Affairs from the University of Massachusetts.

The Citizen’s Ethics Advisory Board will be accepting applications for her replacement through Monday, June 24, 2019. More information will be posted early next week.

“Throughout her many years at the OSE, Carol has worked tirelessly for the State of Connecticut,” said Chair, Dena M. Castricone. “She has always maintained grace under fire. We owe a tremendous debt to Carol for her service and extraordinary leadership.”

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