



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY  
STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD

Final & Approved Minutes  
Friday, December 11, 2015 Special Meeting of the State Contracting Standards Board  
Privatization Contract Committee  
First Floor Conference Room, 999 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105

Members Present:

Claudia Baio, Chair  
Charles W. Casella, Jr.  
Thomas G. Ahneman – (via teleconference)  
Brenda Sisco

Staff Present:

David L. Guay, Executive Director  
Julia K. Lentini Marquis, Chief Procurement Officer

[Call to order](#)

Meeting called to order by Chair Baio at 9:30 A.M.

[Approve the Minutes of the March 6, 2015 Meeting](#)

Chair Baio entertained a motion to approve the draft March 6, 2015 State Contracting Standards Board Privatization Contract Committee meeting minutes.

Motion made by Thomas Ahneman and seconded by Brenda Sisco to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2015 State Contracting Standards Board Privatization Contract Committee meeting.

- Voting in favor:
  - Claudia Baio
  - Thomas Ahneman
  - Brenda Sisco
- No votes against.

- Abstaining: Charles Casella

[Discussion and possible action on state contracting agencies' lack of business cases, which include cost-benefit analysis, and review of privatization contracts](#)

Chair Baio opened discussion by mentioning that an issue had been raised at the last full meeting of the State Contracting Standards Board about a Rocky Hill nursing home.

At the last meeting of the SCSB, Mr. Rinker shared information from an article he read on the privatization of services at the Rocky Hill Nursing home that provides skilled care to patients from the Department of Correction, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, and the Department of Social Services and noted that the nursing home is a for profit entity. He further stated that the contracting entity to his knowledge had not performed a cost benefit analysis for a service that has not been privatized previously.

Mr. Rinker further expressed his concern about cost evaluations the agencies are supposed to be doing. With that background knowledge, the Privatization Contract Subcommittee undertook discussion of the matter.

Chair Baio informed the members present that because of her understanding of current litigation she raised the issue of the nursing home with AAG Mark Kohler and asked him to compile a historical recap of information on the issue and report back to the Committee to help the committee determine if the matter falls within the Subcommittee's jurisdiction. AAG Kohler indicated to Chair Baio that he would be able to report to the Committee at a meeting in January 2016. Chair Baio indicated the next Privatization Committee meeting will be scheduled to follow the January 8, 2015 regular meeting of the State Contracting Standards Board.

Discussion held on the issue of the Rocky Hill nursing home details as known and the questions the issue raises and the scope of AAG Kohler's work for the Committee.

Motion made by Charles Casella and seconded by Brenda Sisco to table the portion of agenda item 3 concerning the Rocky Hill nursing home. All voted in favor

Chair Baio opened discussion on the second portion of agenda item 3, which was an email from Board member Salvatore Luciano concerning the privatization of labor negotiations, handling of grievances and arbitrations by the Office of Labor Relations (OLR). Mr. Luciano requested this be looked into. Mr. Luciano noted in his email that there is precedent for this, but before the "CCSB" legislation was in place.

Discussion held on C.G.S. 4e-16 and its application to the issue raised by Mr. Luciano, whether the service previously had been privatized and whether the Board or the Privatization Committee has jurisdiction over the matter and the definition of legal services.

Chief Procurement Officer Julia Marquis suggested that the Committee may ask whether a cost-effectiveness evaluation was conducted.

Mr. Casella suggested a response to Mr. Luciano and Thomas Ahneman suggested getting a copy of the contract. Ms. Marquis offered to acquire a copy of the contract and to contact other agencies to ascertain whether they may have outside counsel.

Motion made by Thomas Ahneman and seconded by Brenda Sisco to direct Ms. Marquis to gather information on outsourcing of legal services by agencies and to acquire a copy of the OLR contract and report back to the Committee. All voted in favor.

Mr. Casella asked about the Lighthouse Masonry contractor at the University of Connecticut campus at Storrs. The issue was raised by David Guay after he forwarded an advertisement placed in the Hartford Courant by Local Union 230 to the Board. Board member Jean Morningstar requested that the Board obtain a copy of the contract.

Ms. Marquis responded that a copy of the sub-contract was obtained and had been forwarded to Board members for review. Chair Baio suggested that after the members have reviewed the contract the Committee may consider adding the issue to the next meeting agenda.

Motion made by Brenda Sisco and seconded by Thomas Ahneman to table the portion of agenda item 3 concerning outsourcing of legal services and the OLR contract to outsource legal services. All voted in favor.

### Other business

Mr. Casella would like the Committee to review the issue of the privatization of bridge inspections by the Department of Transportation (DOT), which had been previously raised by the Board in 2010. Ms. Marquis offered to obtain a copy of the contract and any other relevant documents, such as the history of the issue and the current status. Chair Baio suggested that the issue be placed as a discussion item on the Committee's next agenda.

Mr. Casella asked about the reported problems with the new Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) purchased software. Brenda Sisco noted the possibility of a conflict of interest with a possible client of hers and recused herself from the discussion. Ms. Marquis offered to provide the Committee with information on how software is procured by the State and information on the procurement of the DMV software.

### Adjournment

Motion made by Thomas Ahneman and seconded by Brenda Sisco to adjourn. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 A.M.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2016 after the regularly scheduled full Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted: David L. Guay