



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY
STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD

Final & Approved
Friday, June 9, 2017 Meeting of the State Contracting Standards Board
5th Floor Conference Room
18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, Connecticut

Members Present:

Claudia Baio, Chair
Thomas Ahneman
Bruce Buff
Charles Casella, Jr.
Lawrence Fox
Donna Karnes
Stuart Mahler
Robert Rinker

David L. Guay, Executive Director - ex-officio board member

1. [Call to order](#)

Meeting called to order by Chair Claudia Baio at 10:14 A.M.

2. [Approve the Minutes of the May 12, 2017 Meeting](#)

Motion made by Thomas Ahneman and seconded by Stuart Mahler to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2017 Board meeting. All voted in favor.

3. [DESPP possible rape kit processing outsourcing](#)

Executive Director Guay reported that he had not yet followed –up.

4. [FY 17/18 Budget Concerning the Board](#)

Executive Director Guay reported no changes and he is preparing for the two contingencies of being laid off and passing the records onto Chair Baio or the Board being funded and continuing into the next fiscal year.

5. [Legislative bills concerning the State Contracting Standards Board](#)

Executive Director Guay reported that he does not believe that any of the three bills concerning the Board passed.

6. [Report from Privatization Contract Committee](#)

Privatization Contract Committee Chair Baio reported that the Committee did not meet last month and will be meeting today.

7. [Report of the Contested Solicitations and Awards Subcommittee](#)

Subcommittee Chair Robert Rinker reported the Subcommittee does not currently have any pending matters before it.

8. [Work Group Reports](#)

a. [Report from Data Analysis Work Group](#)

Executive Director Guay reported that Data Analysis Work Group Chair Alfred Bertoline could not attend today's meeting, but would report that the Work Group is continuing to go through the responses received. Executive Director Guay also reported that he is continuing to do data entry for the work group.

Bruce Buff noted that he listened in to the Audit Work Group meeting this morning and that many of the conclusions are the same for the Data Analysis Work Group.

b. [Report from Audits Work Group](#)

Chair Thomas Ahneman reported the Audits Work Group met earlier today, June 9, 2017. Mr. Ahneman reported that the Work Group had received eight of the responses to the Audit Questionnaire and the Work Group had reviewed four at the meeting held this morning.

Mr. Ahneman reported that the consensus of the Audits Work Group is that the questionnaire needs to be refined.

Common threads from the questionnaires reviewed are training deficiencies and oversight, and the need for better procurement practices.

The Work Group had an opportunity to talk about the Connecticut Technical High School System Contract with the Pita Group. Responses were received from the Department of Administrative Services and the Attorney General in response to the Board's communications

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asking for the status of any investigations by those offices into the Pita matter. The Office of Policy and Management did not respond.

The Attorney General's response indicated that they would only investigate if referred to them from the Auditors of Public Accounts.

Mr. Ahneman suggested that the Board should take some action on the matter. The Audits Work Group will continue to review and digest the material received so far. Mr. Ahneman further suggests that the Audit Work Group propose to the Board a further process for a review of the matter to include a list of the questions that require answers.

Board member Robert Rinker added that more general issues are raised by the Pita Contract. Such as is it appropriate to contract for professional services through a master contract.

Discussion was also held on the appropriateness of expenditures by the State Department of Education for advertising purposes.

Chair Baio summarized the discussion. The Audits Work Group will come back to the Board with recommendations on next steps and process.

9. Other business

Mr. Rinker expressed thanks to Executive Director Guay for putting together the farewell dinner for Julia Marquis.

Mr. Buff asked about the Board member who hasn't shown up in years. Executive Director Guay indicated he had not tried to communicate with that member as of yet, waiting for the outcome of the FY 18 budget and whether the Board is eliminated or not.

10. Public Comment

No public comment.

11. Adjournment

Motion made by Lawrence Fox and seconded by Thomas Ahneman to adjourn. All voted in favor, the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 A.M.

Respectfully submitted: David Guay