



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY
STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD

Final & Approved

Minutes

Friday, October 12, 2018 Meeting of the State Contracting Standards Board

5th Floor Conference Room

18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, Connecticut

Members Present:

Lawrence Fox, Chair

Alfred Bertoline

Bruce Buff

Charles Casella, Jr.

Albert Ilg

Donna Karnes

Salvatore Luciano

Stuart Mahler

Jean Morningstar

Robert Rinker

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

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Chair Lawrence Fox at 10:00 A.M.

2. Approve the Minutes of the September 14, 2018 Meeting

Motion made by Robert Rinker and seconded by Stuart Mahler to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2018 Board meeting. All voted in favor, with Alfred Bertoline and Salvatore Luciano abstaining due to being absent from the September 14, 2018 meeting.

3. Report of the Privatization Contract Committee

Privatization Contract Committee Chair Lawrence Fox reported that at last month's meeting the Committee is continuing to develop how it approaches and best accomplishes its duties, rather than just a random selection of an area for review. An area of discussion was about using the outcomes of the Audit Work Group to guide the Committee's selection of a yearly

area to review. Chair Fox reported that he had questions about the direction. Such as looking at agencies that privatized functions many years ago and trying to determine if it still makes sense. Chair Fox reported as a practical matter the Committee will not perform another review before the end of the calendar year.

Alfred Bertoline asked about the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) because of recent news articles about the DMV and candidates for Governor. Salvatore Luciano offered that the DMV went back to the old computer system. Chair Fox responded by asking Executive Director Guay how the Board can determine if the DMV is initiating a new privatization effort. Jean Morningstar suggested we simply ask them and at the request of Mr. Bertoline, Ms. Morningstar forwarded to all the Board members the news article Mr. Bertoline was referring to.

Mr. Rinker reminded the Board that the Chief Information Officer, Mark Raymond spoke on the matter to the Board about a year ago and maybe it is time to hear from someone on the subject again for an update. Mr. Rinker offered that if the situation has changed and they are going back to the old system, the question the Board should be asking is what the status of the privatization effort is. Mr. Rinker further offered that the bottom line question of this Board to Mr. Raymond was what the lessons learned from the failure was, and that question needs to be answered again. Chair Fox suggested that Executive Director Guay reach out to both Mark Raymond the State's Chief Information Officer and Michael Bzdyra, Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and inform them that the Board is looking for an update on the computer modernization at the DMV.

Mr. Luciano raised the issue of the Kronos contract; originally for scheduling, but now doing time card type punching in and out. Bruce Buff raised a similar issue with a group called TriCom, which the Board was informed of by a state employee speaking to the Board at a previous meeting. Chair Fox asked Carol Wilson, Procurement Director from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for any insight she might provide. Ms. Wilson indicated the contract has been executed by DAS and is being rolled out to the agencies. Chair Fox summarized that Information Technology is high on the list of areas to be reviewed by the Privatization Contract Committee, though a behemoth.

4. Work Group Reports

a. Report from Audit Work Group

Acting Chair Robert Rinker provided a report from the Audit Work Group. The Audit Work Group met earlier today and reviewed and revised the latest draft of the self-assessment tool used in the last audit. The work group also reviewed a definitions list and the audit transmittal letter. The work group suggested and agreed upon edits. Executive Director David Guay was directed to complete the edits and return the drafts to the work group members.

5. Study of PSA Competitive Bidding Practices Joint Committee

Chair Alfred Bertoline reported that today is the deadline for return of the committee's questionnaire. Sixty questionnaires were sent to eight agencies, focusing on non-competitive contracts. With emphasis on the waiver process. Chair Bertoline emphasized that it is a great sample representing large and small contracts.

7. Preparation for the State Department of Education Notice and Hearing

Executive Director Guay reported to the Board that his discussions with the Attorney Peter Haberlandt of the Connecticut State Department of Education had started again with a latest counter proposal for settlement from CSDE having just been received last night.

Executive Director Guay reported he has prepared a draft notice to be sent to our assigned Attorney General for review.

Executive Director Guay requested the Board set a hearing date and time. The Board set November 9, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. as the hearing date and time.

8. Other Business

No other business raised.

9. Public Comment

No public comment.

10. Adjournment

Motion made by Robert Rinker and seconded by Jean Morningstar to adjourn. All voted in favor, the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 A.M.

Respectfully submitted: David Guay