



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY  
STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD

Final & Approved  
Minutes

Friday, February 9, 2018 Meeting of the State Contracting Standards Board  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, Connecticut

Members Present:

Claudia Baio, Chair  
Alfred Bertoline  
Bruce Buff – via conference telephone  
Charles Casella, Jr.  
Lawrence Fox – via conference telephone  
Donna Karnes  
Albert Ilg  
Stuart Mahler  
Robert Rinker

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

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Chair Baio at 10:07 A.M.

2. Approve the Minutes of the January 12, 2018 Meeting

Motion made by Albert Bertoline and seconded by Robert Rinker to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2018 Board meeting. All voted in favor, with Claudia Baio and Stuart Mahler abstaining due to their absence at the January 12, 2018 meeting.

3. Report from Privatization Contract Committee

Chair Baio explained that she was not at the last meeting and her understanding is that there are a few remaining issues and Bob Dakers, from the Office of Policy and Management is scheduled to speak to the Committee. Mr. Dakers is being asked to answer questions about the indirect costs on the State side and whether it is accurate or not and what is the implication to the unfunded pension liability.

Chair Baio noted that once the Department of Transportation (DOT) bridge inspection contract review is completed, the Committee will be selecting the next contract to review.

Robert Rinker raised the concern that the Statute talks about the budgetary issues not being an impediment to implementing the plan.

4. Report of the Contested Solicitations and Awards Subcommittee

Subcommittee Chair Robert Rinker reported that the subcommittee has no matters before it.

5. Work Group Reports

a. Report from Data Analysis Work Group

Chair Alfred Bertoline reported that hopefully today the full Board will approve the edited and revised Study of Competitive Bidding Practices Findings and Recommendations. Meetings with both Executive and Legislative branch leadership is currently being arranged to discuss the report and findings. Chair Bertoline noted that through Donna Karnes effort the report is expected to be included in the recommendations of the Commission on Fiscal Stability and Economic Growth.

Mr. Bertoline would like the Board to approve the Study of Competitive Bidding Practices Findings and Recommendations and for the Work Group to use its resources to go out and talk to as many people as we can about the Study.

Mr. Bertoline reported that many issues have come up as part of the study that the Audit Work Group would like to study further.

Motion made by Robert Rinker and seconded by Donna Karnes to approve the Study of Competitive Bidding Practices Findings and Recommendations. All voted in favor.

b. Report from Audit Work Group

Acting Audit Chair Robert Rinker reported the Audit Work Group met this morning and has a series of recommendations.

The Work Group reviewed the prepared draft compliance reports and made recommendations and referrals to the full Board.

Department of Transportation

No report, the Audit Work Group is still waiting for a response.

Department of Social Services

Motion made by Robert Rinker and seconded by Alfred Bertoline for preliminary approval of the compliance report for the Department of Social Services pending opportunity for the Department to reply to the preliminary compliance report and interview with the Work Group. All voted in favor.

Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

Motion made by Robert Rinker and seconded by Alfred Bertoline for preliminary approval of the compliance report for the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services pending an opportunity for the Department to reply to the preliminary compliance report and interview with the Work Group. All voted in favor.

Department of Children and Families

Motion made by Robert Rinker and seconded by Stuart Mahler for preliminary approval of the compliance report for the Department of Children and Families pending an opportunity for the Department to reply to the preliminary compliance report and interview with the Work Group. All voted in favor.

State Department of Education

Motion made by Alfred Bertoline and seconded by Albert Ilg for preliminary approval of the compliance report for the State Department of Education pending an opportunity for the Department to reply to the preliminary compliance report and interview with the Work Group. All voted in favor.

Department of Correction

Motion made by Alfred Bertoline and seconded by Charles Casella for approval of the compliance report for the Department Correction. All voted in favor.

Department of Administrative Services – Division of Construction Services

Motion made by Alfred Bertoline and seconded by Stuart Mahler for preliminary approval of the compliance report for the Department of Administrative Services – Division of Construction Services pending an opportunity for the Department to reply and interview with the Work Group. All voted in favor.

### Freedom of Information Commission

Motion made by Alfred Bertoline and seconded by Donna Karnes for approval of the compliance report for the Freedom of Information Commission. All voted in favor.

### Department of Economic and Community Development

Motion made by Alfred Bertoline and seconded by Stuart Mahler for preliminary approval of the compliance report for the Department of Economic and Community Development pending opportunity for the Department to reply to the preliminary compliance report and interview with the Work Group. All voted in favor.

### University of Connecticut & the University of Connecticut Health Center

Mr. Rinker reported the Work Group tabled the review as the University has taken the position that it is not subject to audit by the State Contracting Standards Board. The Work Group is seeking advice from the Board's Assistant Attorney General.

Motion made by Albert Ilg and seconded by Alfred Bertoline to accept the recommendation to table. All voted in favor.

### Board of Regents

Motion made by Alfred Bertoline and seconded by Albert Ilg for preliminary approval of the compliance report for the Board of Regents pending more complete responses. All voted in favor.

#### 6. Other business

Charles Casella asked if any Board members had suggestions for the next privatization contract to be reviewed by the Privatization Contract Committee.

#### 7. Public Comment

Travis Woodward, employee of the Department of Transportation attending on his own time addressed the Board. Mr. Woodward provided an update on his understanding of the Bridge Inspection Program.

Timothy Searles, employee of the Department of Administrative Services attending on his own time addressed the Board concerning Information Technology outsourcing.

Lester Tillman and Jan Lawrence employees of the Department of Developmental Services attending on their own time addressed the Board concerning information technology outsourcing and the new master contract for vender management services.

Carl Fletcher, an employee of the Department of Motor Vehicles attending on his own time addressed the Board concerning information technology outsourcing.

Carol Wilson, Director of Procurement Services for the Department of Administrative Services addressed the Board about the new vender management services contract.

Fred Chojnicki a retired Department of Transportation employee also addressed the Board concerning the Board's report on PSAs.

8. Executive Session per C.G.S, Section 1-200 (6) (B) to discuss legal strategy

Motion made by Robert Rinker and seconded by David Guay to enter into executive session to discuss legal strategy. All voted in favor.

Motion made by Albert Ilg and seconded by Alfred Bertoline to exit from executive session and resume regular session. All voted in favor.

Motion made by Albert Ilg and seconded by Alfred Bertoline to proceed with actions under C.G.S. Section 4e-7(b) against the State Department of Education. All voted in favor.

Motion made by Lawrence Fox and seconded by Donna Karnes to adjourn. All voted in favor, the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:51 A.M.

Respectfully submitted: David Guay