



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY  
STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD

Final & Approved  
Minutes

Friday, May 8, 2020 Meeting of the State Contracting Standards Board Privatization  
Committee  
– Via Conference Call

Members Present

Lawrence Fox, Chair, – Via Conference Call  
Thomas Ahneman – Via Conference Call  
Charles Casella – Via Conference Call  
Brenda Sisco – Via Conference Call

David L. Guay, Executive Director – Via Conference Call  
Lauren Gauthier, UConn Graduate Intern

1. [Call to order](#)

The meeting was called to order at 11:12 A.M. by Chair Lawrence Fox.

2. [Approve the minutes of the October 11, 2019 meeting](#)

Motion made by Charles Casella and seconded by Thomas Ahneman to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2019 meeting. All voted in favor, with Brenda Sisco abstaining due to her absence from the October 11, 2019 meeting.

3. [Department of Transportation response to question of privatization of nuclear soil density testing](#)

Executive Director David Guay explained the origin of the agenda item. A petition from Travis Woodward, PE and President of the CSEA SEIU Local 2001 P-4 Council, a bargaining unit of which includes engineers, scientists, and information technology professionals was received and raised at the March 13, 2020 Board meeting. Mr. Woodward's letter alerts to a possible violation of the provisions of C.G.S. Sec. 4e-16 by the Department of Transportation and petitions the Board for review. The Board referred the petition to the Section 4e-16 Privatization Contract Committee for review.

Based upon the referral Executive Director Guay wrote to Commissioner Giulietti of the Department of Transportation (DOT) with a threshold question.

Would nuclear density testing performed, as described in Mr. Woodward's letter, by a firm be the first time nuclear density testing is performed by an entity other than a State Employee?

Commissioner Giulietti responded in summary:

Consultants have been performing nuclear density testing service to the Department for over 30 years and are currently performing this service on many projects around the state. Moreover, given the evolution of construction specifications over the years, the work required to perform QC density testing has been eliminated, leaving only a nominal amount of work for QA density testing. This minimal amount of work will continue to be performed under an existing consultant agreement. For these reasons the Department maintains that no violation of CGS, Section 4e-16 has occurred.

Thomas Ahneman motioned Brenda Sisco seconded to recommend to the Board dismissal of the Petition by Mr. Woodward without prejudice, as the Committee based upon the information provided does not believe that the matter is a privatization matter. All voted in favor.

#### 4. [Other Business](#)

No other business raised.

#### 5. [Adjournment](#)

Motion made by Charles Casella and second by Thomas Ahneman to adjourn. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 A.M.

Respectfully submitted: David Guay