



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY
STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD

Privatization Contract Committee
Final & Approved Minutes

Friday, October 8, 2021 - 09:00 A.M. Meeting of the State Contracting Standards Board
Via Microsoft Teams

Members Present:

Lawrence Fox, Chair

Thomas Ahneman

Salvatore Luciano

Albert Ilg

David L. Guay, Executive Director - ex-officio Board Member

Ryan Chester, Staff – 2021-2022 UConn Graduate Intern

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 9:05 AM

2. Approve minutes of May 8, 2021 meeting

Albert Ilg motioned; Thomas Ahneman seconded to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2021 Meeting. All voted in favor.

3. Department of Transportation hiring of Bridge Inspectors

Chair Fox reported that he would like to understand what issues there were in hiring of bridge inspectors. This information will be relevant to the State because of the expected increase in retirements next year. Chair Fox noted that there should be a cost-benefit analysis done to assess whether hiring bridge inspectors is the most cost-effective option.

Thomas Ahneman agreed and commented that the technology used in bridge inspection has increased and changed dramatically in the past few years. It has become more efficient and the State should be saving money from these changes. Thomas Ahneman commented that the study mentioned 49 and would like to confirm the agreement.

David Guay reported that it was a finding of the committee, the approach was that they were trying to hire 5 persons per year.

Thomas Ahneman commented that anything on the contracting side should be relevant to the board. The Board may not have jurisdiction over the personnel issue. Everybody is having issues hiring people right now because of the pandemic.

Chair Fox reported that this problem started even before the pandemic. If we reach an agreement with an agency and they are having problems implementing that agreement, we have to understand why there are problems.

Salvatore Luciano agreed the Board should investigate this matter.

Thomas Ahneman stated that a meeting with the DOT commissioner will go a long way to rooting out any issues.

Chair Fox stated we still haven't heard back from the commissioner.

4. [Discussion of Department of Transportation structural engineers as a review under C.G.S Section 4e-16 \(l\) \(1\)](#)

Chair Fox reviewed the Board's responsibilities under C.G.S. 4e-16(l) (1). Chair Fox questions whether we should look at structural engineers in the Department of Transportation. The Board's issue with a lack of staffing has not changed, however, with the cooperation of DOT, OPM, and DAS we can carry out a study on this issue. The first step is for the Board to motion for the continuation of this issue.

Albert Ilg motioned to recommend to the Board, under C.G.S. 4e-16(l)(1), that a review of structural engineers at the DOT be taken on by the Privatization Committee, seconded by Chair Fox.

Thomas Ahneman asked a question about which specific part of DOT is being referred to.

Chair Fox answered.

Travis Woodward, a Department of Transportation Engineer and President of CSEA SEIU Local 2001 P-4 Bargaining Unit addressed the Board.

Chair Fox amended the motion to be a review of transportation engineers including design and inspection be taken on by the Privatization Committee.

All voted in favor.

5. Other business

Chair Fox has no other business to discuss.

6. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Albert Ilg, seconded by Thomas Ahneman.

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 A.M.

Respectfully submitted: Ryan Chester