



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY
STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD

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Minutes

Friday, September 9, 2022 - 10:00 A.M. Meeting of the State Contracting Standards Board
Virtual Meeting
Via Microsoft Teams

Members Present:

Lawrence Fox, Chair
Alfred Bertoline
Bruce Buff
Lauren Gauthier
Albert Ilg
Donna Karnes
Stuart Mahler
Jean Morningstar
Robert Rinker
Danial Rovero
Brenda Sisco

David L. Guay, Temporary Worker Retiree
Jing Liang, Intern

1. Call to order

Chair Fox called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

2. Update on the FY23 Hiring of Board Staff

David Guay introduced Jing Liang, new intern to the board. Mr. Guay provided an update on the hiring of board staff. The staff attorney and accounts examiner positions received approval from EEO yesterday afternoon. They were forwarded to the talent solutions unit. The trainer and research analyst positions are still pending at EEO, but once approved, they'll go to the talent solutions unit. The chief procurement officer position will be sent to EEO for review by the end of business today.

3. Approve the Minutes of the August 12, 2022 meeting

Alfred Bertoline motioned to approve the Minutes of the August 12, 2022, meeting, Albert Ilg seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with Donna Karnes and Brenda Sisco abstaining due to their absence from the meeting.

4. Sec.4e-36 Contested Solicitations and Awards Subcommittee Report

Chair Robert Rinker reported that there are no matters pending before the subcommittee.

5. Privatization Contract Committee Report

Acting Chair Robert Rinker reported for the recused Chair Lawrence Fox. The current privatization case concerns the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) and a program known as the Hilltop program, which is a residential program for young adults with substance abuse issues. DMHAS lost the lease on the apartment building and decided to contract ~~the work~~ out the residential portion of the work. The work had been performed by members of 1199. The union filed a petition for a review. As Acting Chair Rinker reported at our last meeting, the Privatization Contract Committee has begun to develop a narrative for the case presented by SEIU District 1199 New England regarding the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Service's Hilltop Residential Program. It is the Union's claim that the Agency violated C.G.S. 4e-16(a). The committee reviewed Acting Chair Robert Rinker's draft decision and agreed to send the draft to the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and to 1199 for their comments.

Chair Fox reported on the other items on the Privatization Contract Committee Agenda the UCONN UHP and CEUI petitions. Attorney Karen Buffkin, Executive Director of Employee relations, responded by letter that UCONN Health is not subject to review by the privatization contract committee because this entity is not a contracting agency. Concerning the petition from the Connecticut Employees Union Independent, Chair Fox reported one of the issues will be the fringe benefit costs that are being attributed to state employees. The Board hasn't heard back from the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) yet on a proposed meeting. Chair Fox suggested that we renew the request to meet with the Secretary. UCONN is working on its response, which it expects to file by close of Business today.

6. Other Business

Chair Fox reported that he, Robert Rinker, Lauren Gauthier and David Guay had a meeting with the Attorney General's office on the Board's request for an opinion regarding the Connecticut Port Authority's ability to enter into public-private partnerships via their enabling statutes and regarding the legitimacy of the Connecticut Port Authority's Harbor Development Agreement public-private partnership. Chair Fox further reported that he expects another meeting to be held.

7. Public Comment

No public comment.

8. Adjournment

Daniel Rovero motioned to adjourn; Alfred Bertoline seconded. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:29 A.M.

Respectfully submitted: Jing Liang, Intern