



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY
STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD

Special Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 23, 2023 - 10:00 A.M.

Location: *Virtual Only*

Members Present:

Lawrence S. Fox, Chair
Alfred W. Bertoline
Bruce H. Buff
Albert W. Ilg
Stuart L. Mahler
Robert D. Rinker
Daniel S. Rovero
Jean Morningstar
Gregory F. Daniels, Esq., Executive Director, ex-officio

Staff Present:

Jonathan M. Longman, Chief Procurement Officer
Samson F. Anderson, Research Analyst
David L. Guay, Temporary Worker Retiree

1. Call to Order

Chairman Fox called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. Approve the Minutes of June 9, 2023 regular meeting

Al Bertoline motioned to approve the June 9, 2023 regular meeting minutes, and Robert Rinker seconded the motion. The June 9, 2023 regular meeting minutes were approved and adopted unanimously.

3. Review and Approve – Draft Operational Policies and Procedures

a. Background on the draft Operational Policies

- i. David Guay explained the need for organizational policies and procedures as necessary for conducting Contested Case Hearings.
- ii. Mr. Guay used the Freedom of Information Commission's procedures as a basis for the draft organizational policies and procedures.
- iii. Mr. Guay also shared that the impetus for calling the special meeting regarding implementing the organizational policies and procedure was the need to resume proceedings in the outstanding Respler matter.

b. SCSB Action

- i. Robert Rinker motioned to adopt the draft Organizational Policies and Procedures, and Bruce Buff seconded the motion.

- ii. Mr. Rinker and Chairman Fox explained, following a question from Stuart Mahler, the applicability of these draft Organizational Policies and Procedures to the various sections within Chapter 62. Specifically, Mr. Rinker clarified that the draft Organizational Policies and Procedures apply to, namely Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 4e-7, 4e-34 and 4e-35. Mr. Rinker further explained that the draft Organizational Policies and Procedures do not apply to Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 4e-16, 4e-27, 4e-36, 4e-37, 4e-39, and 4e-40, as each section outlines separate procedures respectively.
 - iii. The draft Organizational Policies and Procedures were approved and adopted unanimously, with no opposition, or abstentions.
4. Other Business
- a. There was no other business reported.
5. Public Comment
- a. Kevin Blacker raised the following comments:
 - i. New Pier Project – Mr. Blacker discussed an email he received from an iron worker at the New Pier Project, stating that benefits/pay hadn't been paid (Alvarez). Mr. Blacker also stated that the Iron Worker had not been told that they can't walk. Mr. Blacker further stated that the company, Alvarez, has had issues as a contractor for the State before.
 - ii. Seabury Maritime Ethics Settlement – Mr. Blacker shared that a \$18,500 settlement was reached between the Office of the State Ethics and the Seabury Maritime firm regarding “gross abuse and unfair contracting” resulting from their conflict of interest for services provided on the State Pier redevelopment project. Mr. Blacker asked the SCSB cancel this contract since it was entered into in “bad faith.”
 - b. Chairman Fox informed Mr. Blacker that he will have Director Daniels follow up with the Attorney General's Office as to whether the SCSB has jurisdiction over the contract which was executed prior to July 1, 2021. The SCSB was granted jurisdiction over the CPA beginning July 1, 2021.
 - c. Mr. Rinker shared that the Connecticut Department of Labor should have jurisdiction over the payment of wages and benefits with respect to the Iron Worker benefits/pay.
6. Adjournment
- a. Mr. Rinker motioned to adjourn, and Daniel Rovero seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Gregory F. Daniels, Esq., Executive Director