



**State Contracting Standards Board 4e-16 Privatization Subcommittee**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, September 6, 2023 - 10:00 A.M.

Location: *Virtual Only*

State Contracting Standards Board (SCSB) Subcommittee Members Present:

Lawrence S. Fox, Chair

Lauren C. Gauthier

Albert W. Ilg

Brenda L. Sisco

SCSB Staff Present:

Gregory F. Daniels, Esq., Executive Director

Jonathan M. Longman, Chief Procurement Officer

University of Connecticut (UCONN) Staff Present:

Karin Buffkin, Esq., Executive Director of Employee Relations, Human Resources

Jonathan Heinlein, Senior Associate General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel

Stephanie Rimoczky, Associate Director, Business Office, Facilities Operations

Connecticut Employees Union Independent (CEUI) Staff Present:

Carl Chisem, CEUI President

Cara O'Sullivan, CEUI General Council, and Staff Director

1. Call to Order

Chairman Fox called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. Approve the minutes of the April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 special meeting

Albert Ilg motioned to approve the April 14, 2023, special meeting minutes, and Lauren Gauthier seconded the motion. The April 14, 2023, special meeting minutes were approved and adopted unanimously.

3. Review and discussion of the CEUI Petition for janitorial services at UCONN Storrs

- a. Jonathan Longman provided an overview of the documentation that UCONN used in response to the SCSB's request to complete a business case and cost-benefit analysis worksheet per C.G.S § 4e-16. Mr. Longman outlined the justifications in the business case to provide a background for the subcommittee on the events and decisions made by UCONN during the outsourcing process. Additionally, he presented some analysis on the impacts of certain rate adjustments (for retiree costs that are not considered "normal" per C.G.S § 4e-16) currently being reviewed by the SCSB staff and representatives from the Office of Policy and Management and the Office of the State Comptroller. The impact of

those adjustments was estimated at \$200,000.00 when making certain adjustments to compensate for those changes in the worksheets that UCONN provided. Mr. Longman ended his comments with a reminder that the 60-day review period started on July 28, 2023, and that his interpretation of C.G.S § 4e-16 (h)1 was that the subcommittee or the SCSB could extend that review period by 30 days.

- b. Several subcommittee members asked questions from both CEUI and UCONN representatives, and all parties provided responses. CEUI requested information from the subcommittee regarding the rate adjustments mentioned during Mr. Longman's overview. Mr. Longman stated that documents would be forwarded to CEUI shortly after the meeting. CEUI made a request for additional time to provide the subcommittee with additional time for her staff to formulate a written response after learning additional information during the special meeting. Attorney Buffkin made several objections throughout the discussion in dispute of several statements made by the CEUI and certain SCSB subcommittee members.
- c. Brenda Sisco made a motion to move UCONN's business case from the subcommittee and submit it to the SCSB for review and approval at the SCSB's September 8, 2023, regular meeting. Lauren Gauthier seconded the motion, and a vote was taken. Chairman Fox, Lauren Gauthier, and Brenda Sisco voted in favor of the motion, and Albert Ilg opposed the motion.

#### 4. Adjournment

- a. The subcommittee adjourned the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Jonathan M. Longman, Chief Procurement Officer