



STATE of CONNECTICUT
Office of Governmental Accountability
State Contracting Standards Board

Privatization Contract Committee

Monday, August 18, 2025 – 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: *Virtual*

In Attendance:

Salvatore Luciano, Chair of the Privatization Contract Committee
Rochelle Palache, Chair of the State Contracting Standards Board
Thomas Ahneman
Lauren Gauthier
James Marpe
Brenda Sisco

Staff in Attendance:

Gregory Daniels, Executive Director
Aaron Felman, Staff Attorney
Aleshia Hall, Administrative Assistant

MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order:** Chair Luciano called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.
- 2. Roll Call of Privatization Committee Members**
- 3. Approval of Minutes from the Privatization Contract Committee meeting on February 6, 2025.**

A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Rochelle Palache.
The motion was seconded by James Marpe.
The motion passed unanimously with one abstention by Thomas Ahneman.
- 4. Discussion of Privatization Case #2025-002**

Chair Luciano drew similarities between this request and a 2024 privatization case brought by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). In the former case, DAS sought to temporarily contract services as they pursued hiring a Demolition and Crane Operations Inspector. Similarly, the current case involves DPH's request to fulfill a core government function through the use of services provided by a private vendor while they pursue hiring an Environmental Laboratory Certification Program (ELCP) Officer. Chair Luciano noted that, in the case of the DAS Crane Inspector, this Committee granted approval of DAS's

privatization request. He recommended that the Privatization Contract Committee approve this request from DPH.

There was a brief discussion regarding DPH's preference to pursue a no-bid contract. DPH had specified a preferred time frame beginning on August 1, 2025, which has already passed. Due to the urgency of this request, Chair Luciano noted that significant delays may risk DPH's ability to secure federal funding.

After a discussion by Committee members, Staff Attorney Felman was tasked with reaching out to DPH to request that they come prepared to the September meeting with a response to the following questions:

1. Has DPH discussed this matter with the Union? Is the Union in agreement with this request?
2. Are there Connecticut vendors available to provide this service?
3. Has a waiver been requested through DAS? If so, what is the basis for that waiver?
4. Are these services available through any other state agency, such as UCONN or the Department of Agriculture?

Ms. Sisco referenced that there is currently one Lab Consultant in training for the Certification Officer position.

Mr. Ahneman clarified that this is not a request for water testing services; it is a request for investigators to ensure water laboratory compliance.

After a brief discussion regarding Committee member schedules, the Committee selected Friday, September 5, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. to invite DPH representatives and Union representatives to meet to discuss Privatization Case #2025-002.

5. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 11:14 a.m. by Lauren Gauthier. Chair Palache seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by,

Aleshia Hall
Administrative Assistant