



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
Office of Governmental Accountability
State Contracting Standards Board

Special Meeting
Privatization Contract Committee

Friday, September 12, 2025 -- 9:00 A.M.
165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT, Conference Room G004B or Virtual

In Attendance:

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

Gregory Daniels, Executive Director
Aaron Felman, Staff Attorney

Guests:

Adelita Orefice, DPH
Nicholas Jakubowski, DPH
Rachel Nowek, DPH
Dawn Shaban, DPH

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call Committee Members** did not take place.
2. **Approval of the minutes of the September 5, 2025, Privatization Contract Committee Meeting** was made after conclusion of the privatization discussion.

A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by: Lauren Gauthier

The motion was seconded by: Brenda Sisco

The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Review Privatization Contract Case # 2025-002:**

The Department of Public Health's request to execute a supplemental contract for limited services related to the Environmental Laboratory Certification Program.

Chair Luciano opened the meeting by inviting DPH to share the outcome of the meeting between the agency and the union members. Deputy Commissioner Orefice shared the Union was supportive of the proposal and received comments from the staff to that effect. DPH

confirmed that the vacancy has been approved to be filled by OPM, and they expect to see the position posted within the next several days.

Chair Luciano confirmed that this Committee will make a positive recommendation to the full Board at the 10:00 meeting.

Chair Luciano requested a motion to recommend privatization for no more than one year.

Ms. Gauthier asked if the motion should limit the time to one year or limit to the 18 labs.

Deputy Commissioner Orefice expressed her preference that it be limited to the 18 labs backlog, rather than the one-year timeframe as their only intention with this contractor is to satisfy the backlog.

A motion was made by Ms. Gauthier:

To allow the Department of Public Health to subcontract for the evaluation of 18 labs on a non-precedent-setting basis.

The motion was seconded by James Marpe.

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by: Salvatore Luciano

The motion was seconded by: Lauren Gauthier

The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Aleshia M. Hall
Administrative Assistant