



**Regular Meeting
MINUTES**

March 13, 2026

Location: 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT
Conference Room G006D and *Virtual*

In Attendance:

Rochelle Palache, Chair	in person
Thomas Ahneman	virtual
Keith Brothers	virtual
Roberto Fernandez	in person
Lauren Gauthier	in person
Donna Karnes	virtual
Al Ilg	in person
Salvatore Luciano	virtual
Stuart Mahler	in person
James Marpe	in person
Brenda Sisco	virtual

Greg Daniels, Executive Director	in person
Samson Anderson, Research Analyst	in person
Aaron Felman, Staff Attorney	virtual
Aleshia Hall, Administrative Assistant	in person
Carmen Hufcut, Trainer Specialist	in person
Maritza Lopez, Accounts Examiner	in person

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Palache called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

i. Roll Call of Board Members: Attendance confirmed as reflected above.

2. Approval of Minutes

i. Approval of the minutes from the January 9, 2026, Regular Meeting
A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by: Roberto Fernandez
The motion was seconded by: James Marpe
The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Executive Session

i. Purpose: Legal advice regarding a pending claim before the Office of Public Hearings.
ii. Invitee: Associate Attorney General Colleen Valentine
At 10:15 a.m., a motion to enter executive session and invite Associate Attorney General Valentine was made by: Lauren Gauthier
The motion was seconded by: Roberto Fernandez
The motion was unanimously approved.

The executive session was concluded at 11:20 a.m.

The regular Board meeting resumed at 11:26 a.m.

On the recommendation of Chair Palache, a motion was made to reorder agenda items to move item 4g, Staff Report, to 4a to accommodate the schedule of legislative testimony was made by: Lauren Gauthier

The motion was seconded by: Roberto Fernandez

The motion passed unanimously.

4. Communications and Petitions

i. [Staff Report](#)

i. Legislative Update – Samson Anderson, Research Analyst

Research Analyst (RA) Anderson reported that the staff met with State Representative and GAE Co-Chair Blumenthal regarding the five legislative proposals approved in earlier meetings. These proposals have been drafted into language as S.B. 469. RA Anderson submitted written testimony on behalf of Chair Palache and Executive Director Daniels. A sixth proposal regarding non-competitive bid waivers was also added to the language in this bill. Two possible amendments were drafted with assistance from the Legislative Commissioner's Office (LCO).

Mr. Mahler referenced the LCO as a resource for staff; RA Anderson confirmed that he has been working with them. Mr. Fernandez further clarified for Mr. Mahler that there are two contraindications in the proposed language. The sixth legislative proposal refers to inconsistent threshold amounts of \$10,000 and \$25,000. Additionally, that the SCSB is not the holder of the website we would be tasked with maintaining.

S.B. 247:

This is a provision from previous years that removes SCSB's ability to ask the APA for assistance. This provision is put forward because the APA maintains independence from agencies that they audit, such as the SCSB, and assisting us with audits would undermine that.

S. B. 251:

This bill expands the authority of the APA. The APA spoke on this bill when it was heard in public hearing in the Government Oversight Committee. During their comments they suggested that lines 124 – 130 be given to another agency, such as the SCSB. RA Anderson is keeping an eye out for any possible amendments to this bill that might affect the SCSB. Bob Fernandez clarified that all bill language pertaining

to the SCSB must go through the GAE committee because they have cognizance over us.

S.B. 324 and S.B. 462:

RA Anderson shared that these two bills would both create an oversight office within the legislature whose mission would overlap with SCSB's mission. S.B. 324 would additionally create a working group on Results-Based Accountability, which is similar to the results-based outcomes mentioned in the SCSB statute.

- ii. Administrative and Operations Report
 - A. OPM 2025 PSA-POS Annual Request for Waiver Report – Gregory F. Daniels, Executive Director
The 2025 Waiver Report was recently published and shared with the Board. He invited that questions be directed to him.
- iii. Chief Procurement Officer's Report: No report.
- iv. Legal Update – Aaron Felman, Staff Attorney
 - a) Office of the Correctional Ombudsman:
The issue discussed at previous meetings regarding the Office of the Correctional Ombudsman and the Bansley Law that administers the Inmates' Legal Assistance to Prisoners program remains ongoing. There is a motion in litigation challenging the Ombudsman. The issue remains ongoing.
 - b) Personal Data Protection Regulations:
At the SRPP Work Group meeting on March 10, 2026, the Personal Data Protection Regulations were approved and will be presented to the Board for approval at the next regular meeting.
 - c) Rules of Practice
The preliminary draft Rules of Practice are currently being pre-reviewed by the Office of the Attorney General.
- ii. Sec. 4e-34 Disqualification of Contractor, Bidder or Proposer Subcommittee Report
No report.
- iii. Sec. 4e-36 Contested Solicitations & Awards Subcommittee Report
No report.
- iv. Privatization Contract Committee Report

No report.

v. Audit/Data Analysis Work Group Report

Accounts Examiner Lopez shared that the February meeting was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on March 18, 2026.

i. Budget Sub-Work Group Report

No report.

vi. Statutes, Regulations, Policies and Procedures Work Group Report

Work Group Chair Thomas Ahneman reported that the Rules of Practice that were approved by the Board in December 2025 have been forwarded to the OAG for prereview.

i. The Personal Data Protection Regulations were approved by the SRPP WG and will be elevated to the Board for final approval at the April 2026 meeting.

ii. Disqualification proceedings will be discussed at the next meeting.

iii. 4e-6 will be elevated in priority as the SRPP works in conjunction with the Audit-Data Analysis Work Group. They continue to do good work.

iv. Personnel Review Sub-Work Group

Chair James Marpe shared that there is no report.

v. Chief Procurement Officer Selection Committee

Chair James Marpe shared that they are continuing the hiring process. They have interviewed very qualified candidates and are looking forward to filling the position soon. He confirmed that Human Resources will make the offer to the candidate and then the offer will be made.

vii. Training Work Group Report

Training Specialist Hufcut and Work Group Chair Thomas Ahneman reported that they have not met since November 2025; however, a Training Work Group meeting is scheduled to take place immediately following this meeting.

5. Old Business

i. Chief Procurement Officer Search Update

Chair James Marpe reported earlier that the hiring process is continuing.

ii. Update on Office of Correctional Ombudsman (OCO) recommendation to suspend Inmates' Legal Assistance to Prisoners (ILAP) Contract with Bansley Law LLC

Attorney Felman reported earlier that there is a motion in litigation challenging the Ombudsman. The issue remains ongoing.

6. New Business

- i. Consideration of the 2025 SCSB Agency Annual Report
A motion to accept the report as written was made by: Al Ilg
The motion was seconded by: James Marpe
The motion was passed unanimously.

7. Opportunity for Citizens to Address the SCSB: None

8. Adjournment

At 11:40 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made by: Al Ilg
The motion was seconded by: Stuart Mahler
The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Aleshia M. Hall
Administrative Assistant

Approved April 10, 2026