



STATE of CONNECTICUT
Office of Governmental Accountability
State Contracting Standards Board

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

May 1, 2026 1:00 p.m.

**Location: 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, Conference Room G009F
or *Virtual*
MINUTES**

In Attendance:

Rochelle Palache, Chair

James Marpe, Chair of the Chief Procurement Officer Selection Committee

Keith Brothers

Roberto Fernandez

Lauren Gauthier

Stuart Mahler

Jean Morningstar

Salvatore Luciano (attended Executive Session and conclusion of main meeting)

Al Ilg (attended Executive Session only)

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Palache called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.
 - a. Roll Call of Members: Chair Palache completed a roll call of members as noted above.
2. **Consideration of Executive Session:** Vote to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment of a Chief Procurement Officer.
3. **Executive Session:**

Purpose: Discuss the hiring appointment of a Chief Procurement Officer for the Office of Governmental Accountability State Contracting Standards Board.

At the request of Chair Palache, at 1:06 p.m., a motion to enter Executive Session was made by: James Marpe.
The motion was seconded by: Roberto Fernandez
The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Reconvene in Public Session:** At the conclusion of the Executive Session at approximately 1:50 p.m., Chair Palache reconvened the public session.
5. **Consideration of Possible Action Concerning Recommendation to the State Contracting Standards Board Regarding Appointment of Chief Procurement Officer.**

At the request of Chair Palache, a motion to appoint Amy Lopez to the position of Chief Procurement Officer was made by Salvatore Luciano.

The motion was seconded by Stuart Mahler

The motion passed unanimously.

A brief discussion resulted in:

- Committee Chair Marpe will contact Human Resources Generalist 2 Brittany Besaw to inform her of the outcome of this meeting. He shared that Ms. Lopez is required to provide three weeks' notice to her current employer; therefore, she can be invited to attend the next regular Board meeting as a member of the public.
- Chair Palache will contact Amy Lopez to invite her to the regular Board meeting on May 8, 2026.

6. Adjournment:

At approximately 2:00 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by: Salvatore Luciano.

The motion was seconded by: Stuart Mahler

The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Aleshia M. Hall
Administrative Assistant