



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY  
STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD

Final & Approved Minutes  
Friday, December 8, 2017 Meeting of the State Contracting Standards Board Privatization  
Committee  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, Connecticut

Members Present

Claudia Baio, Chair  
Thomas Ahneman  
Charles Casella  
Brenda Sisco

1. [Call to order](#)

The meeting was called to order at 11:59 A.M. by Chair Baio.

2. [Approve the minutes of the October 13, 2017 meeting](#)

Motion made by Charles Casella and seconded by Brenda Sisco to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2017 meeting. All voted in favor.

3. [Department of Transportation \(DOT\) Bridge Safety Inspection Review](#)

Wally Lugli Finance Administrator at the Department of Transportation and Mr. Theodore Nezames, Manager of Bridges, Bureau of Engineering & Construction accompanied Mr. Lugli to update the committee on the Bridge Safety Inspection Program's intention to bring inspection work back in-house. Chair Claudia Baio explained that the Contracting Standards Board Privatization Committee agrees with the first step to bring work in-house. Chair Baio stated the Committee's intention is to get further supplemental information before recommending to the full Board support for the entire plan.

Mr. Lugli informed the Committee that the Department of Transportation received five new positions in the FY18 budget. The Department of Transportation has interviewed three individuals for the Bridge Inspection positions, with vacancies in two engineering

positions that have not been approved for refill. Mr. Lugli further informed the Committee that the FY19 budget provides authorization for five additional positions.

Thomas Ahneman, for comparison purposes had question on the estimated overhead costs in order to compare the Department of Transportation costs with the cost of consulting. Charles Casella indicated that from the federal government pension unfunded liabilities are reimbursed at a rate exceeding 30%.

Chair Baio suggested it would be helpful if information on the amount of expenses is included in a “cliff notes” version to the committee.

Chair Baio indicated that the committee recommendation to the full Board will indicate that the committee agrees with the Department of Transportation plan, with hope progress in this area will continue in the next fiscal year. A letter to the Department of Transportation will be prepared indicating the committee endorsement of the plan.

4. [Choose Contract and Agency for 2018 Review under C.G.S. Sec. 4e-16\(l\)\(1\)](#)

Chair Bio asked committee members to return at the next meeting with recommendations to the Board on the next privatization contract and agency to review next.

5. [Public Comment](#)

No public comment.

6. [Other Business](#)

No other business raised

7. [Adjournment](#)

Motion made by Charles Casella and second by Brenda Sisco to adjourn. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: Stuart Mahler and David Guay