



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY  
STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD

Final & Approved Minutes  
Friday, May 12, 2017 Meeting of the State Contracting Standards Board  
Audit Work Group  
Fifth Floor Conference Room  
18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, Connecticut

Members Present:

Thomas Ahneman, Chair

Alfred Bertoline

Stuart Mahler

Jean Morningstar

Robert Rinker

David L. Guay, Executive Director - ex-officio Board member

1. [Call to order](#)

Meeting called to order by Chair Thomas Ahneman at 9:00 A.M.

2. [Approve minutes of April 7, 2017](#)

Motion made by Robert Rinker and seconded by Stuart Mahler to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2017 Audit Work Group meeting. All voted in favor.

3. [Progress Review](#)

Executive Director David Guay informed the Work Group that six agencies have returned the audit form to date:

Department of Developmental Services

Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

Department of Correction

Department of Administrative Services – Division of Construction Services

Freedom of Information Commission

Department of Economic and Community Development

The Work Group discussed the next steps. The six responses were assigned to each member to review and bring their observations to the next meeting.

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The Work Group determined that a second follow-up letter be sent to the agencies that have not yet responded with a requested return date of June 1, 2017

4. [CT Technical High School System Contracts – Pita Group & Kozak & Salina](#)

Discussion was held on the status of the Board's inquiries to the State Department of Education concerning the contracts between the Connecticut Technical High School System and the Pita Group & Kozak & Salina. Board member Robert Rinker and Executive Director Guay urged the Audit Work Group to proceed with a more detailed audit. Mr. Rinker cited a set of questions he would like answers to which was provided to both Board Chair Baio and Audit Work Group Chair Ahneman.

Chair Ahneman suggested that the questions were appropriate and valid and would be answered, but he believed the request of SDE would be premature considering the ongoing investigation by the Department of Administrative Services and others.

After discussion, it was determined that the Work Group through Chair Ahneman will report to the Board that letters will be sent to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), the Attorney General (AG) and to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to determine the scope of investigations.

It was further determined that the Pita Group invoices, as suggested by Mr. Rinker, would be requested from the State Department of Education.

5. [Other Business](#)

No other business raised.

6. [Adjournment](#)

Motion made by Alfred Bertoline and seconded by Jean Morningstar to adjourn. All voted in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted: David Guay