



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY
STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD

Final & Approved
Minutes

Friday, February 8, 2019 Meeting of the State Contracting Standards Board
5th Floor Conference Room
18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, Connecticut

Members Present:

Lawrence Fox, Chair – Via conference telephone
Thomas Ahneman
Alfred Bertoline
Bruce Buff
Charles Casella, Jr. – Via Conference telephone
Albert Ilg
Salvatore Luciano
Stuart Mahler
Jean Morningstar
Robert Rinker
Brenda Sisco

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

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order by Chair Lawrence Fox at 10:09 A.M.

2. Approve the Minutes of the January 11, 2019 Meeting

Motion made by Alfred Bertoline and seconded by Albert Ilg to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2019 Board meeting. All voted in favor, with Salvatore Luciano and Brenda Sisco abstaining due to their absence from the January 11, 2019 meeting .

3. Report of the Privatization Contract Committee

Chair Fox reported the Privatization Contract Committee met last month and approved a set of questions to be sent to the University of Connecticut Health Center concerning an issue referred to the Board by William Garrity of University Health Professionals Local 3837. Mr.

Garrity in his letter alleges concerns with four entities implementing the Electronic Medical Record system. The four entities are Optum, Virtelligence, Pivot Point, and CSI. Chair Fox further informed the Board that the questions for UConn Health has helped the Privatization Contract Committee focus on Information Technology (IT) for the next annual review.

Chair Fox further reported that the Privatization Contract Committee has received a response from UConn Health. The Privatization Contract Committee is still interested in the IT area, but these University of Connecticut Health Center Finance Corporation contracts are not going to be the contracts for the Committee to review.

4. Report from the Sec. 4e-36 Contested Solicitations and Awards Subcommittee

Subcommittee Chair Robert Rinker provided an update concerning the three party agreement between the City of Hartford the Capital Region Development Authority and the Hartford Sports Group. There has been a self-disclosure of a campaign finance violation. A second self-disclosure of a campaign finance violation was filed by Attorney Anthony Natale on December 17, 2018 on behalf of the Mandell family. In February of 2019 the State Elections Enforcement Commission (SEEC) voted to investigate the December 17, 2018 self-disclosure.

On February 7, 2019 Attorney Jonathan Shapiro on behalf of Civic Mind, LLC filed a collusion complaint with the Attorney General's office under C.G.S. Sec. 4e-31. We also have a letter dated February 13, 2019, though today is February 8, 2019, in which Hartford Mayor Bronin seeks to revise the terms of the agreement, which changes to an agreement with the City of Hartford and the Hartford Sports Group. The change to an agreement just between the City of Hartford and the Hartford Sports Group removes the matter from the Board's jurisdiction.

5. Work Group Reports

a. Report from Audit Work Group

Audit Work Group Chair Thomas Ahneman reported that Executive Director Guay sent out the 2019 Audit request and questionnaire to the eleven agencies being audited. A March 4, 2019 return date has been established. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner has already responded. Chair Ahneman reported that the Work Group also spent time reviewing a few of the contracting standards with an eye towards what needs to be added, removed, or amended and recommended that the Board take up that discussion.

Mr. Luciano asked if we had reached out to the new Commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services. Executive Director Guay responded that he had not but will based upon Mr. Luciano's request.

A general discussion of the procurement problems and possible solutions was held. Chair Fox suggested because of the new administration we want to get a meeting with Melissa McCaw the

new Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and the new Commissioner of DAS and Legislative Leadership.

6. Feedback from the Study of PSA Competitive Bidding Practices Joint Committee

Chair Fox noted that this agenda item was covered in the discussion on standards initiated by the Audit Work Group report.

Executive Director Guay informed the Board that we received a response from the Secretary of OPM wanting to discuss the report and a response from Majority Leader Ritter upon receipt of the report.

7. 2019 Legislative Session and FY20 & FY21

Executive Director started discussion by asking for direction from the Board. Executive Director Guay explained that as soon as the budget is presented on February 20, 2019 we will be asked to testify shortly after. Chairman Fox expressed his desire to speak at the Appropriations Committee. Brenda Sisco indicated that we are scheduled for Thursday, February 28, 2019. Mr. Rinker suggested the creation of a one page fact sheet.

8. Other Business

No other business raised

9. Public Comment

Ms. Alisa Peterson addressed the Board and spoke about her concerns with the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA).

Ned Statchen, a Transportation Engineer 3 at the Connecticut Department of Transportation addressed the Board concerning the filling of bridge safety engineers.

10. Adjournment

Motion made by Salvatore Luciano and seconded Alfred Bertoline by to adjourn. All voted in favor, the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 11:11 A.M.

Respectfully submitted: David Guay