



STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY

State Contracting Standards Board

Minutes

**Monday, May 19, 2014 Special Meeting of the State Contracting Standards Board
Office of the Child Advocate Conference Room, 999 Asylum Ave., Hartford, CT**

Members Present:

Claudia Baio, Chair
Thomas G. Ahneman - via conference telephone
Charles W. Casella, Jr.
Stuart Mahler
Jean Morningstar
Robert Rinker
Brenda Sisco
Roy Steiner – via conference telephone

David L. Guay, Executive Director - ex-officio
Julia K. Lentini Marquis, Chief Procurement Officer

Call to order

Meeting called to order by Chair, Claudia Baio at 10:10 A.M.

Approve the Minutes of the April 11, 2014 Meeting

Chair Baio entertained a motion to approve the draft April 11, 2014 Board meeting minutes.

Motion made by Charles Casella and seconded by Stuart Mahler to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2014 Board meeting.

Voting Yea:

Claudia Baio, Chair
Thomas G. Ahneman
Charles W. Casella, Jr.
Stuart Mahler
Robert Rinker
Brenda Sisco
Roy Steiner

Voting Ney:

None

Abstentions:

Jean Morningstar

The minutes of the April 11, 2014 Board meeting were approved with seven voting in favor and one abstention.

Review and Approve the Privatization Contract Committee's April 11, 2014 evaluation and recommendation to permit DESPP/Division of Scientific Services to temporarily privatize the processing of 300 latent fingerprint cases.

The Board reviewed and evaluated the Privatization Contract Committee's recommendation to permit the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of Scientific Services to temporarily privatize the processing of 300 latent fingerprint cases. While the Board echoed many of the same concerns as the Privatization Contract Committee, there was detailed discussion about the cost-benefit analysis failing to include an analysis of whether overtime performed by State employees would increase costs with regard to other post-employment benefits ("OPEB"), medical insurance costs and other fringe benefits.

In addition to discussion of potential increased costs incurred if overtime is performed by State employees, there also was discussion regarding direct and indirect costs and whether they had been properly calculated in the budget in the event of privatization. It is essential that the business case presented by the State Contracting Agency include all potential costs for both the state and the contractor, to ensure an equitable comparative budget and analysis.

Additionally, there was discussion around whether the latent fingerprint processing constituted a "core governmental function" as defined at C.G.S. 4e-16(d). This question became relevant because it determined the number of votes necessary for the matter of privatizing the service to pass.

Motion made by Robert Rinker and seconded by Brenda Sisco to determine that latent fingerprint processing is a core governmental function as defined in C.G.S. 4e-16(d). After discussion.

Voting Yea:

Charles W. Casella, Jr.
Stuart Mahler
Jean Morningstar
Robert Rinker
Brenda Sisco

Voting Nay

Claudia Baio, Chair
Thomas G. Ahneman
Roy Steiner

With five voting yea and three voting nay, the motion passed, with the Board determining that latent fingerprint processing is a core governmental function as defined in C.G.S. 4e-16(d).

With the Board determining that the service the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of Scientific Services was seeking to privatize did constitute a core governmental function, the statute requires a vote of 2/3 of the Board to pass. At the time of the meeting, that meant that 8 members of the 11 member Board would have to approve the privatization. Eight members were in attendance and voting.

Motion made by Thomas Ahneman and seconded by Brenda Sisco to approve the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection Division of Scientific Services' request to privatize the analysis of 300 latent fingerprint cases through contract.

Voting Yea:

Claudia Baio, Chair
Thomas G. Ahneman
Stuart Mahler
Brenda Sisco
Roy Steiner

Voting Nay

Charles W. Casella, Jr.
Jean Morningstar
Robert Rinker

With five voting yea and three voting nay, the motion failed. Privatization of the processing of 300 latent fingerprints was rejected, as the 2/3 vote in favor required to carry the matter was not achieved.

Adjournment

Motion made by Robert Rinker and seconded by Jean Morningstar to adjourn. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 A.M.

Respectfully submitted: David L. Guay