



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY
STATE CONTRACTING STANDARDS BOARD

Minutes

Friday, June 13, 2014 Meeting of the State Contracting Standards Board Privatization Contract Committee

Conference Room in the Office of the Child Advocate Suite 999 Asylum Avenue Hartford, CT 06105

Members Present:

Claudia Baio, Chair
Charles W. Casella, Jr.
Thomas G. Ahneman

Staff Present:

David L. Guay, Executive Director
Julia K. Lentini Marquis, Chief Procurement Officer
Mark Kohler, AAG

[Call to order](#)

Meeting called to order by Chair Baio at 12:28 P.M.

[Approve the Minutes of the April 11, 2014 Meeting](#)

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

Motion made by Charles Casella and seconded by Thomas Ahneman to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2014 Privatization Contract Committee meeting. All voted in favor.

[Discussion of process and procedures](#)

Committee members reviewed a set of draft procedures proposed by Julia K. Lentini Marquis, Chief Procurement Officer. Committee members suggested changes and additions to the draft.

Based upon Carol Wilson of DAS sending out her reminder correspondence about coming to the Board before privatizing, Executive Director David Guay and Julia K. Lentini Marquis, Chief Procurement Officer received an email from Shelby Brown, Executive Administrator for the Office of Governmental Accountability. She recently hired, through a master contract held by DAS, two IT consultants and she wondered whether she should have come to the Board for

permission. The matter was discussed specifically, and in broader context, and the Committee by consensus agreed that master contracts which already exist that are held by DAS and utilized by other agencies, do not meet the thresholds under CGS 4e-16a and consequently, need not be reviewed by the Board.

Dan Livingston, an attorney that represents the unions, approached Julia K. Lentini Marquis, Chief Procurement Officer about a matter concerning UCHC and the Center for Advanced Reproductive Services (CARS). CARS and UCHC have been in a contractual relationship for the last 15 years, and CARS has decided to avail itself of the termination provisions in the contract. For the term of the contract, CARS has utilized the services of State employees and has been financially responsible for the salaries and benefits of all 52 State employees. They are terminating their contract and per the contract, are offering private sector employment to the 52 workers. Attorney Livingston asked whether this was a matter for the Board to review and report upon. The Committee by consensus agreed that this matter does not fit under the Board's purview, as the issue is about de-privatizing as opposed to privatizing.

At the State Contracting Standards Board May meeting, there was discussion about the implications of Public Act 14-188 section (p). Initial understanding of many members of the Board was that the new section would result in an uptick of matters to come before the Board. Julia K. Lentini Marquis, Chief Procurement Officer had occasion to speak with Bob Dakers about this and he indicated that OPM were reading it differently. That matters not covered under C.G.S. 4e-16 (a) concerning privatization would instead come to OPM. Upon re-reading of the Act and conversation with AAG Mark Kohler, the Committee by consensus agreed with OPM's interpretation, as the language never mentions the Board or the Board's involvement at all

Adjournment

Motion made by Charles Casella and seconded by Thomas Ahneman to adjourn. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted: David L. Guay