

**CITIZEN’S ETHICS ADVISORY BOARD
OF THE OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS
18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, CT 06106-1660**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 24, 2013

The Citizen’s Ethics Advisory Board (“Board”) of the Office of State Ethics (“OSE”) held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 24, 2013, in the 5th Floor Conference Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, CT 06106.

Chairman Charles Chiusano called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

The following members of the Board were present:

- Charles F. Chiusano, Chairman
- Herbert A. Grant, Vice-Chairman
- Mary Bigelow, Member
- David W. Gay, Member
- Susan Gruen, Member
- Roger Kemp, Member
- Dennis J. Riley, Member
- Daniel Young, Member
- Rev. Tommie Jackson, Member

The following staff members of the OSE were present:

- Carol Carson, Executive Director
- Barbara Housen, General Counsel
- Mark E. Wasielewski, Deputy Ethics Enforcement Officer
- Nancy Nicolescu, Director of Education and Communications
- Brian O’Dowd, Deputy General Counsel
- Cynthia Isales, Assistant General Counsel
- Peter Lewandowski, Assistant General Counsel
- Marc W. Crayton, Assistant Ethics Enforcement Officer
- Taliea Hatcher-Redway, Clerk Typist
- Alaaeldin Ali, IT Specialist I
- Iris E. D’Oleo-Edwin, Clerk of the Board

The following topics were addressed during the meeting:

1. The minutes of the September 19, 2013 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board for approval.

On the motion of Mr. Grant, seconded by Ms. Bigelow, the Board voted nine (9) to zero (0) to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2013 Regular Meeting.

2. The minutes of the October 11, 2013 Subcommittee Meeting were presented to the subcommittee for approval.

On the motion of Mr. Riley, seconded by Ms. Bigelow, the subcommittee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2013 Subcommittee Meeting.

3. The Board considered the Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board, pursuant to Policy No. 1. Board member Jackson recommended that Chairman Chiusano and Vice-Chairman Grant be reelected for one more year as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively.

On the motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Riley, the Board voted nine (9) to zero (0) to reelect Chairman Chiusano and Vice-Chairman Grant as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board, respectively, for one more year.

Board member Young thanked Chairman Chiusano and Vice-Chairman Grant for their service to the Board, especially during the 2013 legislative session.

4. Board member Riley volunteered to preside over the UAPA hearing scheduled for November 14, 2013.
5. Chairman Chiusano provided an opportunity for discussion of new business. There was no new business.
6. Chairman Chiusano presented an opportunity for public comments. State Representative Victor Cuevas was permitted an opportunity to address the Board with regard to a request for an informal opinion. The Board discussed Rep. Cuevas's request relative to Connecticut General Statutes § 2-5 and concluded that the Board does not have the authority to interpret the statute since it falls outside of the Code of Ethics.
7. General Counsel Housen presented the Legal Division Report. She reported that a hearing in the matter of Priscilla Dickman v. Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board is scheduled before Judge Cohen to address Ms. Dickman's motion, following the Board's denial of Ms. Dickman's request for reconsideration.
8. Deputy Ethics Enforcement Officer Wasielewski presented the Enforcement Division Report. He reported on the confidential probable cause hearing scheduled for October 30, 2013, and on the need to empanel the Board within 30 days from the start of the probable cause hearing if probable cause is found by the Judge Trial Referee.
9. Executive Director Carson presented a revised Strategic Plan 2012-2015.
10. Executive Director Carson presented the Executive Director's Report. She introduced two new OSE staff members, Al Alaaeldin, IT Specialist, and Taliea Hatcher-Redway, part-time Clerk Typist, who both began work on September 20, 2013. She also reported on the LEAN training for state managers which was attended by her and two managers. Ms. Carson also discussed budget matters and the release of the new Ethics Liaison Guide.

11. Ms. Nicolescu presented the OSE Training and Media Summary.
12. Executive Director Carson presented the legislative proposals recommended for the 2014 Legislative Session. She reported that the proposals have been divided into three parts: Part I, proposals that have been reviewed by the Board in previous legislative packages; Part II, proposals to amend Conn. Gen. Stat. § 1-83; and Part III, proposals concerning municipal ethics. The Board discussed the proposals.

On the motion of Mr. Kemp, seconded by Ms. Bigelow, the Board voted seven (7) to one (1) to approve legislative proposals #2 through #10 of Part I of the Legislative Proposals for the 2014 Legislative Session. Chairman Chiusano voted against Proposal #10; Board member Riley abstained with regard to Proposals #10.

Proposed statutory language for Part II of the 2014 Legislative Proposals will be presented to the Board at its November 2013 meeting.

Vice-Chairman Grant addressed the Board and presented the municipal ethics proposals considered at the October 11, 2013 subcommittee meeting. The Board discussed the proposals.

Proposed statutory language for Part III of the 2014 Legislative Proposals will be presented to the Board at its November 2013 meeting.

13. Chairman Chiusano shared with the Board a positive evaluation in response to an OSE training conducted by Assistant General Counsel Lewandowski.

On the Motion of Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Young, the Board voted nine (9) to zero (0) to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Iris E. D'Oleo-Edwin, Clerk
Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board

Date approved
(By the Citizen's Ethics Advisory