

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 22, 2014

The Citizen’s Ethics Advisory Board (“Board”) of the Office of State Ethics (“OSE”) held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2014, in the 5th Floor Conference Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, CT 06106.

Chairman Charles Chiusano called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

The following members of the Board were present:

- Charles F. Chiusano, Chairman
- Herbert A. Grant, Vice-Chairman
- Mary Bigelow, Member
- David Gay, Member
- Roger Kemp, Member
- Dennis J. Riley, Member
- Daniel Young, Member (Participated via teleconference)
- Rev. Tommie Jackson (Participated via teleconference)

The following staff members of the OSE were present:

- Carol Carson, Executive Director
- Barbara Housen, General Counsel
- Thomas K. Jones, Ethics Enforcement Officer
- Nancy Nicolescu, Director of Education and Communication
- Brian O’Dowd, Deputy General Counsel
- Cynthia Isales, Assistant General Counsel
- Peter Lewandowski, Assistant General Counsel
- Mark E. Wasielewski, Deputy Ethics Enforcement Officer
- Marc W. Crayton, Assistant Ethics Enforcement Officer
- Taliea Hatcher-Redway, Clerk Typist

The following topics were addressed during the meeting:

1. The minutes of the April 24, 2014 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board for approval.

On the motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Riley, the Board voted eight (8) to zero (0) to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2014 Regular Meeting.

2. Chairman Chiusano presented the Chairman's report. Board member Riley voiced concerns in relation to the settlement amount in the matter of David Levinson, Docket No. 2012-36. Board member Young recommended that the Board should consider, in the future, revising its policy regarding settlements in Enforcement matters.
3. General Counsel Housen presented the Consideration of Petition for Advisory Opinion from Commissioner Patricia A. Rehmer, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

On the motion of Mr. Kemp, seconded by Ms. Bigelow, the Board voted eight (8) to zero (0) to consider the Petition for Advisory Opinion from Commissioner Patricia A. Rehmer.

4. Deputy General Counsel O'Dowd presented Draft Advisory Opinion 2014-5 (Petition from Attorney Ernest F. Teitell, Silver Golub & Teitell LLP). The Board discussed the Opinion. Board members Young and Jackson recused themselves from participating in the discussion.

On the motion of Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Grant, the Board voted four (4) to two (2) to adopt Advisory Opinion 2014-5. Board members Riley and Bigelow voted against adopting the Advisory Opinion. Board members Young and Jackson recused themselves from voting.

5. General Counsel Housen presented the Legal Division Report. The Board discussed portions of the report.
6. Deputy Enforcement Officer Wasielewski introduced law intern Samuel Rosengren. Ms. Nicolescu introduced administrative intern Adrienne Eckman. The interns will be working on various OSE projects and initiatives.
7. Ethics Enforcement Officer Jones presented the Enforcement Division Report. He reported on the initiatives to enforce a) the 2014 first quarter reports for client lobbyists; b) the timely filing of the 2013 Statement of Financial Interests (SFIs); and, c) the 2013 Statement of Income for state marshals.
8. Ethics Enforcement Officer Jones presented the audit report for Capitol Strategies Group.

On the motion of Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Gay, the Board voted eight (8) to zero (0) to approve the audit report for Capitol Strategies Group.

9. Executive Director Carson presented the Executive Director's Report. She reported on the budget for the 2014 fiscal year that ends on June 30, 2014, and on the 2013 SFI filings.

10. Ms. Nicolescu presented the Media and Communication Report.
11. Chairman Chiusano provided an opportunity for public comments. There were no public comments.
12. **On the motion of Mr. Grant, seconded by Ms. Bigelow, the Board voted eight (8) to zero (0) to move into Closed Session to discuss the status of matters that are confidential pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 1- 82a and 1-93a.**

The following individuals attended the Closed Session:

Charles F. Chiusano	Carol Carson
Herbert A. Grant	Barbara Housen
Mary Bigelow	Thomas K. Jones
David Gay	Nancy Nicolescu
Roger Kemp	Brian O'Dowd
Dennis Riley	Mark Wasielewski
Daniel Young	Marc Crayton
Rev. Tommie Jackson	Cynthia Isales
	Taliea Ratcher-Redway

13. **On the motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Bigelow, the Board voted eight (8) to zero (0) to come out of Closed Session.**
14. **On the motion of Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Gay, the Board voted eight (8) to zero (0) to move into Executive Session, pursuant to General Statutes § 1-210 (b) (4) to discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to pending matters. Board member Kemp left the meeting.**

The following individuals attended the Executive Session:

Charles F. Chiusano	Thomas K.Jones
Herbert A. Grant	Barbara Housen
Mary Bigelow	Nancy Nicolescu
David Gay	Mark Wasielewski
Rev. Tommie Jackson	Brian O'Dowd
Dennis Riley	Cynthia Isales
Daniel Young	Marc Crayton
Carol Carson	Taliea Ratcher-Redway

On the Motion of Mr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Gay, the Board voted eight (8) to zero (0) move into public session.

15. Chairman Chiusano reported that Board member Kemp volunteered to preside over the June 26, 2014 UAPA hearings.
16. Executive Director Carson shared with the Board that Paralegal Diane Buxo has passed the Connecticut state bar examination.
17. Chairman Chiusano shared with the Board an email from Attorney Elizabeth Collins from the state Marshals Commission expressing gratitude to Paralegal Iris E. D'Oleo-Edwin for her assistance with the filing of the state Marshals Statements of Income.

On the motion of Mr. Riley, seconded by Mr. Grant, the Board voted seven (7) to zero (0) to adjourn the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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

Date approved
(By the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board)