



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS

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

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 17, 2016 MEETING

The Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board ("Board") of the Office of State Ethics ("OSE") held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, March 17, 2016, in the 5th Floor Conference Room.

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

The following Board members were present:

Charles F. Chiusano, Chair
Mary Bigelow, Vice-Chair
Dena Castricone (Participated via teleconference)
Reverend Tommy Jackson (Participated via teleconference)
Kevin Johnston
Cheryl Lipson
Daniel Young (Participated via teleconference)

The following staff members of the OSE were present:

Carol Carson, Executive Director
Marc W. Crayton, Assistant Ethics Enforcement Officer
Taliea Hatcher-Redway, Clerk Typist
Barbara Housen, General Counsel
Thomas K. Jones, Ethics Enforcement Officer
Jared Kosky, Assistant General Counsel
Peter Lewandowski, Assistant General Counsel
Nancy Nicolescu, Director of Education & Communications
Brian O'Dowd, Deputy General Counsel

The following topics were addressed during the meeting:

1. The minutes of the February 18, 2016 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board for approval.

On the motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Lipson, the Board voted seven (7) to zero (0) to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2016 Regular Meeting.

2. Chairman Chiusano presented the Chairman's Report. He reported on the Board's vacancies and thanked the members for always being in attendance.
3. General Counsel Barbara Housen presented the Legal Division Report.
4. Ethics Enforcement Officer TJ Jones presented the Enforcement Division Report. He reported that: a) The confidential probable cause hearing is scheduled for April 5, 2016; b) All UAPA Hearings for March have been resolved; and c) Board member Dena Castricone volunteered to be the Hearing Officer for the UAPA Hearing scheduled for April 28, 2016.
5. Ethics Enforcement Officer Jones presented the audit report for Sims Metal Management.

On the motion of Mr. Johnston, seconded by Ms. Lipson, the Board voted seven (7) to zero (0) to approve the audit report for Sims Metal Management.

6. Executive Director Carol Carson presented the Executive Director's Report. She reported on the following: a) OSE's FY16 budget; b) OSE bills proposed to the Government Administration and Election's Committee and awaiting their action; and, c) Legislative activity. She reminded the Board that the 2015 Statement of Financial Interests (SFI) forms are due May 1, 2016, and encouraged the Board to file before the deadline.
7. Nancy Nicolescu presented the Media and Training Report.
8. There were no public comments.

On the motion of Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Lipson, the Board voted seven (7) to zero (0) to move into Executive Session to discuss strategy and negotiations with respect to the pending Dickman litigation pursuant to General Statutes § 1-210 (b) (4).

The following individuals attended the Executive Session:

Board Members

Mary Bigelow, Vice-Chairman
Dena Castricone (via teleconference)
Charles F. Chiusano, Chairman
Rev. Tommie Jackson (via teleconference)
Kevin Johnston
Cheryl Lipson
Daniel Young (via teleconference)

OSE Staff

Carol Carson, Executive Director
Barbara Housen, General Counsel
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On the motion of Mr. Johnston, seconded by Ms. Lipson, the Board voted seven (7) to zero (0) to move into public session at 1:47 p.m.

9. **On the motion of Mr. Johnston, seconded by Ms. Bigelow, the Board voted seven (7) to zero (0) to adjourn the meeting.**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Taliea Hatcher, Clerk Typist
Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board

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