



## STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

October 12, 2017

**CONTACT:** Nancy Nicolescu  
(860) 263-2397

[Nancy.Nicolescu@ct.gov](mailto:Nancy.Nicolescu@ct.gov)

### **Former Lottery Board Chair Frank Farricker Pays Over \$11K to Office of State Ethics for Using His Position for Improper Financial Gain**

*\$5,000 Penalty and \$6,318.19 in Restitution to the State*

**Hartford** – In a Consent Order released today, Frank Farricker, of Greenwich, resolved allegations that he used his position as Chairman of the Board of Directors at the Connecticut Lottery Corporation to receive an improper financial benefit, in violation of the Code of Ethics. As part of the resolution, Farricker paid \$11,318.19: a \$5,000 penalty, and restitution to the state in the amount of \$6,318.19.

In 2016, Farricker was the Chairman of the Lottery Board of Directors when the former CEO and President of the Lottery resigned her post. The Board – chaired by Farricker – appointed Farricker as “interim” CEO and President. Farricker immediately began submitting invoices to the Lottery for reimbursement, which consisted mostly of charges for which he was not entitled to be reimbursed. The invoices submitted by Farricker were submitted on a near-monthly basis until Farricker resigned his Board membership and “interim” CEO/President position in May of 2017. Among the invoices submitted by Farricker were bills for his home internet service, home cable TV service, home telephone, personal cell phone, and various travel and mileage charges.

General Statutes section 1-84 (c) prohibits a public official from using his state position to obtain financial gain for himself. By submitting invoices and receiving reimbursement for his personal expenses, Farricker used his state position for an improper financial gain. The \$6,318.19 reimbursement reflects 100% reimbursement of all home internet service, home phone, cable TV, and personal cell phone bills that Farricker submitted to the Lottery, as well as nearly \$3,000 of mileage expenses to which Farricker was unable to establish entitlement.

In his defense, Farricker stated that he believed that the invoices he submitted were for items that were “necessary expenses” associated with his “Board duties.”

“Necessary expenses are just that – those expenses incurred on behalf of the state that are necessary to conduct the state’s business,” said Carol Carson, Executive Director of the Office of State Ethics. “They are not personal expenses for communication and entertainment services.”

View: [Stipulation and Consent Order 2017-12](#).

*The Connecticut Office of State Ethics mission is to ensure honesty, integrity and accountability in state government through education, interpretation and enforcement of the State of Connecticut Code of Ethics. To contact us please visit our website at [www.ct.gov/ethics](http://www.ct.gov/ethics) or call us at (860) 263-2400.*