

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY
GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION

DRAFT MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, August 21, 2013

Garfield Room

18-20 Trinity Street, 5th floor

Hartford, CT 06103

1:00 p.m.

A special meeting of the Governmental Accountability Commission was held Wednesday, August 21, 2013, in the State Elections Enforcement Commission conference room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, Connecticut. The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Carol Carson at 1:16 p.m. The following Commission members were present: Anthony J. Castagno, Owen Eagan, Scott Murphy, Dennis Riley, T. William Knapp, Claudia Baio, Garvin Ambrose and Andrea Jackson-Brooks. Mickey Kramer was in attendance as the Acting Child Advocate.

1. Election of the Chair and the Vice-Chair Person

This item was moved to the end of the agenda following item 6.

It was moved by Commissioner Riley and seconded by Commissioner Eagan to elect Commissioner Anthony Castagno as chair. So voted.

It was moved by Commissioner Knapp and seconded by Commissioner Riley to elect Commissioner Garvin Ambrose as vice-chair. So voted.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the November 19, 2012 Meeting

It was moved by Commissioner Mickey Kramer and seconded by Commissioner Scott Murphy to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2012 meeting. All other members of the Commission abstained. So voted.

3. Report of the former Chairperson of the Governmental Accountability

Carol Carson provided the report as the former Chairperson of the Governmental Accountability Commission.

4. Report of the Executive Administrator.

The Executive Administrator, David Guay provided written testimony and read this into the record. The Executive Administrator also provided proposed to the GAC, legislative

language which seeks to clarify language as to the removal of the executive administrator in C.G.S. 1-301.

Commissioner Knapp made a motion to request an opinion from the Attorney General; and take such action to clarify any remaining issues concerning the interpretation of the C.G.S. § 1-300 *et. seq.*. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Riley. The motion was adopted by a vote of 8-1. Commissioner Ambrose voted to oppose this motion.

Following further discussion, Commissioner Ambrose, which was seconded by Commissioner Baio, amended the motion regarding the intent of the language as to the two questions to be forwarded to the Office of the Attorney General. The two questions proposed are: 1) Pursuant to Section 1-301 of Public Act 11-48, does the Governmental Accountability Commission have the authority to periodically evaluate the Executive Administrator; 2) Pursuant to Section 1-301 of Public Act 11-48, does the Governmental Accountability Commission have the authority to periodically set goals and expectations for the Executive Administrator? The motion as to the language of the letter to the attorney general was adopted. So voted.

Following further discussion, the logistical question as to who will send the letter to the Office of the Attorney General was clarified and authorized the Chair of the Governmental Accountability Commission to forward a letter to the Office of the Attorney General requesting clarification of C.G.S. 1-301.

5. Review of the Report of the Governmental Accountability Commission on Expectations for the Executive Administrator of the Office of Governmental Accountability.

This item was tabled

6. Establish and update expectations (agenda item tabled at meeting of November 19, 2012).

This item was tabled. So voted.

7. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Mickey Kramer and seconded by Commissioner Scott Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 2:41 p.m. So voted.

Unless otherwise indicated, all votes of the Commission were unanimous.

For further information concerning this meeting, please contact the Governmental Accountability Commission Chair, Anthony Castagno, at: (860) 256-2940.