

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY
GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION

DRAFT MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Monday November 19, 2012

Garfield Room

18-20 Trinity Street, 5th floor

Hartford, CT 06103

11:30 a.m.

A special meeting of the Governmental Accountability Commission was held Monday, November 19, 2012, 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 11:36 a.m. The following Commission members were present: Michael J. Brandi, Colleen Murphy, Scott Murphy, Michelle Cruz and Karen Netherton. Mickey Kramer was in attendance as the designee of the Child Advocate.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the October 25, 2012 Meeting

It was moved by Commissioner Colleen Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Brandi to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2012 meeting. So voted.

2. Report of the Executive Administrator.

In a letter dated November 16, 2012, Mr. Guay, the Executive Administrator, declined a written invitation by the Governmental Accountability Commission to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Brandi expresses his disappointment with Mr. Guay not being present for the meeting.

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

The Commissioners discussed the report and the issue of the Commission and its responsibilities, specifically the disagreement between the Executive Administrator and the Commission as to the ability to evaluate. The Commission further discussed options for clarification.

Commissioner Scott Murphy made a motion to table this report until the Commission gets an opinion from the Attorney General's office and once they have spoken, then to go from there. Commissioner Colleen Murphy seconded the motion. The motion was opposed by a vote of 6-1. Commissioner Scott Murphy voted to adopt this motion.

Commissioner Brandi made a motion to adopt the report, as drafted and as amended; to request an opinion from the Attorney General; and take such action with the legislature to

clarify any remaining issues concerning the interpretation of the C.G.S. § 1-300 *et. seq.*. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Netherton.

Following discussion, Commissioner Brandi amended the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Netherton, to remove from the draft requesting an opinion from the Attorney General.

Following further discussion, Commissioner Brandi, which was seconded by Commissioner Netherton, amended the motion to include authorizing the Chair of the Governmental Accountability Commission to forward a letter to the General Assembly requesting clarification of C.G.S. 1-301 by adding the phrase “evaluating and” before the word “terminate.” The motion was adopted by a vote of 6-1. Commissioner Scott Murphy voted to oppose this motion.

4. Establish and update expectations for next year.

It was moved by Commissioner Brandi, and seconded by Commissioner Colleen Murphy, to table this item to a meeting of the Governmental Accountability Commission to be held in three months. So voted.

5. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Brandi and seconded by Commissioner Scott Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 12:11 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, Carol Carson, at: (860) 263-2400.

Carson, Carol

From: Corradino, Joseph
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2012 9:28 AM
To: Carson, Carol; Bell, Jamey; Brandi, Michael J; Murphy, Colleen; Cruz, Michelle; Deleon, Vanessa M; Dexler, Sharon; Kief, Shannon; Kramer, Mickey; Mazzoccoli, Susan; Murphy, Scott; Netherton, Karen
Cc: Lagueux, Sheri-Lyn
Subject: RE: Draft Letter to General Assembly - DEADLINE -- 11-27-12

Commissioners:

Although I was unable to attend last Monday's meeting, I fully concur in the report as drafted as well as the request to the General Assembly for the simple but important clarifying language. I would ask that my concurrence be reflected in the minutes to the extent possible. Unfortunately, my trial which had kept me from the meeting ended with a second hung jury. Hopefully the OGA, GAC, and EA will avoid a similar result as we move forward to effective implementation of agency consolidation while successfully carrying out our core functions. Best regards,

Joe Corradino
Chairman – Board of Firearms Permit Examiners

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