

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY
GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION

DRAFT MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Friday, November 22, 2013

4:30 P.M.

A special meeting of the Governmental Accountability Commission was held Friday, November 22, 2013, in the Office of the Child Advocate conference Room, 999 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Anthony Castagno at 4:41 P.M. The following Commission members were present: Garvin Ambrose, Owen Eagan, Dennis Riley, Scott Murphy, Sarah Eagan, Frank Blando and Claudia Baio.

II. Executive Session per C.G.S. §§ 1-231 and 1-200(6)(E), and 1-210(b)(1), and (e)(1)
(Discussion of Executive Administrator candidates of the Office of Governmental Accountability)

It was moved by Commissioner Blando and seconded by Commissioner Owen Eagan at 4:43 P.M. to proceed into Executive Session pursuant to C.G.S. §§ 1-231 and 1-200(6)(E), and 1-210(b)(1), and (e)(1) to discuss the candidates of the Executive Director Position of the Office of Governmental Accountability.

Commissioners Castagno, Ambrose, Owen Eagan, Riley, Murphy, Sarah Eagan, Blando and Baio were present. Freedom of Information Commission, Executive Director and General Counsel, Colleen Murphy was present. Commission clerk, Sheri-Lyn Lagueux was also present.

1. Report of the Personnel Search Committee.

No votes were taken.

2. Discussion of candidates for the position of Executive Administrator of the Office of Governmental Accountability.

No votes were taken.

It was moved by Commissioner Owen Eagan and seconded by Commissioner Blando at 5:06 P.M. to return to public session. So voted.

III. Public Session

1. Selection of five to seven candidates to submit to Governor Dannel P. Malloy.

Chair Castagno stated that all the candidates were very impressive today. They all bring certain strengths to the position.

Owen Eagan acknowledged that all five did a great job and thought all the candidates today did a very good job. It was a very difficult decision.

Scott Murphy stated that these five stood out among the others as being the strongest five candidates.

It was moved by Commissioner Owen Eagan and seconded by Commissioner Baio to recommend five (5) candidates to refer to the Governor for consideration: Shelby Brown, Josephine Agnello-Veley, Walter Murray, Matthew Reed and Christopher Forster. So voted. The recommended candidates were adopted by a vote of 8-0-0.

Chair Castagno initiated the discussion as to the relative ranking of the candidates.

It was moved by Commissioner Baio and Seconded by Commissioner Ambrose to rank Shelby Brown to be the number one candidate on the list. So voted. The motion was adopted by a vote of 8-0-0.

It was moved by Commissioner Owen Eagan and Seconded by Commissioner Ambrose to rank Matthew Reed to be the number two candidate on the list. So voted. The motion was adopted by a vote of 6-1-1. The record reflects Commissioner Blando voted against adoption and Commissioner Riley abstained from voting.

It was moved by Commissioner Riley and Seconded by Commissioner Murphy to rank Josephine Agnello-Veley to be the number three candidate on the list. So voted. The motion was adopted by a vote of 8-0-0.

It was moved by Commissioner Owen Eagan and Seconded by Commissioner Blando to rank Christopher Forster to be the number four candidate on the list. So voted. The motion was adopted by a vote of 8-0-0.

It was moved by Commissioner Owen Eagan and Seconded by Commissioner Murphy to rank Walter Murray to be the number five candidate on the list. So voted. The motion was adopted by a vote of 8-0-0.

It was moved by Commissioner Owen Eagan and seconded by Commissioner Riley to have the chair submit the letter recommending the five candidates to Governor Dannel P. Malloy. So voted. The motion was adopted by a vote of 8-0-0.

IV. Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Baio to adjourn the meeting at 5:22 P.M. So voted.

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