



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY  
Governmental Accountability Commission

Draft Minutes of Special Meeting

Thursday, November 5, 2015, at 1:00 P.M.

The Governmental Accountability Commission (GAC) held a special meeting on Thursday, November 5, 2015, at 1:00 P.M., in the Fifth Floor Conference Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

1. Call to Order

Chair Claudia Baio called the meeting to order at 1:10 P.M.

The following Commission members were present:

- Claudia Baio, Chairperson, State Contracting Standards Board
- Frank P. Blando, Chairperson, Board of Firearms Permit Examiners
- Charles F. Chiusano, Chairperson, Citizens Ethics Advisory Board (via teleconference)
- Owen P. Eagan, Chairperson, Freedom of Information Commission
- Sarah Eagan, Child Advocate (via teleconference)
- Ndidi N. Moses, Chairperson, Judicial Selection Commission (via teleconference)
- Dennis J. O'Connor, Executive Director, Judicial Review Council
- Stephen Penny, Designee of the Chairperson of the State Elections Enforcement Commission
- Natasha M. Pierre, Victim Advocate

2. Approval of minutes of the October 1, 2015 Special Meeting

Motion made by Mr. Penny and seconded by Mr. Eagan to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2015, 2015 Special Meeting. The Commission voted 6 to 0 to approve, Mr. Blando abstained, and Ms. Eagan and Ms. Moses had not joined the meeting at the time of the vote.

3. Consideration of the role of the Executive Administrator in Labor Relations matters – request for an opinion from the Attorney General (tabled at previous meeting)

With a response from the Attorney General still pending, motion made by Mr. Penny and seconded by Mr. O'Connor to table. All voted in favor.

4. Consideration of the Executive Administrator providing clerical support for GAC meetings (tabled at previous meeting)

Chair Baio polled the members to see whether their office, board or commission was willing to split the cost of compensation for a clerk of the commission.

The following Commissioners indicated a willingness to split the cost of compensation for a clerk of the commission:

- Ms. Baio of the State Contracting Standards Board
- Mr. Blando of the Board of Firearms Permit Examiners
- Ms. Moses of the Judicial Selection Commission
- Mr. O'Connor of the Judicial Review Council
- Ms. Pierre Victim Advocate
- Ms. Eagan Child Advocate (David Guay reported for Ms. Eagan)

The following Commissioners indicated an unwillingness to split the cost of compensation for a clerk of the commission:

- Mr. Chiusano of the Office of State Ethics
- Mr. Eagan of the Freedom of Information Commission
- Mr. Penny of the State Elections Enforcement Commission

Motion made by Mr. O'Connor and seconded by Mr. Blando that the Governmental Accountability Commission appoint Nancy Lotas, Office Assistant from the Board of Firearms Permit Examiners, as clerk of the Commission and for her compensation to be split between the:

- State Contracting Standards Board
- Office of the Child Advocate
- Judicial Selection Commission
- Judicial Review Council
- Office of the Victim Advocate
- Board of Firearms Permit Examiners

The Commission voted 6 to 0 to approve with 3 abstentions.

Voting in favor:

- Ms. Baio
- Mr. Blando
- Ms. Eagan
- Ms. Moses
- Mr. O'Connor
- Ms. Pierre

Abstaining:

- Mr. Chiusano
- Mr. Eagan
- Mr. Penny

It was noted for the record that Commissioner Eagan felt there needed to first be confirmation from DAS that Ms. Lotas could serve more than one agency at a time. Chair Baio indicated that such question already had been answered by both the HR and Payroll Divisions of OGA.

5. Proposed Schedule for 2016 Governmental Accountability Commission meetings (tabled at previous meeting)

Chair Baio proposed four, regular meetings be scheduled for 2016. Discussion held. Concern was raised on why, when and how a special meeting would be called and held. Chair Baio committed to placing the issue on the next agenda.

Motion made Mr. O'Connor and seconded by Ms. Pierre to set the 2016 regular meeting schedule for the Governmental Accountability Commission as proposed by Chair Baio:

- Thursday, February 5, 2016 (preparation for March 3, 2016 interim evaluation)
- Thursday, March 3, 2016 (interim evaluation)
- Thursday, August 4, 2016 (preparation for September 8, 2016 evaluation)
- Thursday, September 8, 2016 (2016 Annual Evaluation)

All voted in favor.

6. Public Comments

No public comment.

7. Adjournment (next meeting scheduled for December 3, 2015)

Motion made by Mr. Blando and seconded by Ms. Pierre to adjourn at 1:30 P.M. All voted in favor.