



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY  
Governmental Accountability Commission**

Draft Minutes of Special Meeting

Thursday, December 3, 2015, at 1:00 P.M.

The Governmental Accountability Commission (GAC) held a special meeting on Thursday, December 3, 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 1:09 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
- Ndidi N. Moses, Chairperson, Judicial Selection Commission (via teleconference)
- Dennis J. O'Connor, Executive Director, Judicial Review Council (via teleconference)
- Stephen Penny, Designee of the Chairperson of the State Elections Enforcement Commission
- Natasha M. Pierre, Victim Advocate (via teleconference and in person)

2. Approval of minutes of the November 5, 2015 Special Meeting

Motion made by Charles Chiusano and seconded by Dennis O'Connor to approve the minutes (as corrected) of the November 5, 2015, 2015 Special Meeting. All voted in favor.

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)

Chair Baio noted the receipt of the Attorney General's response. Discussion held, no vote taken.

#### 4. Adopt policy for calling a special meeting

Chair Baio opened discussion on adopting a policy for calling a special meeting of the Governmental Accountability Commission by suggesting special meetings should be either called at the discretion of the Chair or by a simple majority of the Commission (5). Chair Baio offered that a special meeting may be called by the Chair or by any five members of the Commission by written request.

Mr. Chiusano disagreed and offered that it should be called by not more than three.

Mr. Eagan voiced his agreement with Mr. Chiusano that it should be not more than three, and further offered that if one Commission member wished to call a Special meeting then should be able to do so.

Mr. O'Connor offered that he was not ready to agree to anything at the moment and wished to research the matter further.

As of 1:20 P.M. Natasha M. Pierre arrived at the meeting and disconnected from the conference telephone connection.

Motion made by Dennis O'Connor and seconded by Owen Eagan to table the matter. All voted in favor.

After the vote Mr. Penny offered that two or three members is a significant number of members to call a special meeting, and not necessary to have five.

#### 5. Public Comments

No public comments.

#### 6. Adjournment (next meeting scheduled for February 4, 2016)

Motion made by Natasha Pierre and seconded by Owen Eagan to adjourn at 1:24 P.M. All voted in favor.