

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY

GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION

DRAFT MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, September 3, 2015, at 1:00 PM

5th Floor Conference Room

18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, CT 06106

The Governmental Accountability Commission ("Commission") of the Office of Governmental Accountability ("OGA") held a special meeting on Thursday, September 3, 2015 at 1:00 PM in the 5th Floor Conference Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, CT

Acting Chairman Charles Chiusano called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

The following Commission members were present:

- Charles Chiusano, Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board
- Owen Eagan, Freedom of Information Commission
- Stephen Penny, State Elections Enforcement Commission
- Claudia Baio, State Contracting Standards Board
- Dennis O'Connor, Judicial Review Board
- Ndidi Moses, Judicial Selection Commission
- Sarah Eagan, Office of the Child Advocate

The following topics were addressed during the meeting:

1. The minutes of the July 29, 2015 Special Meeting were presented to the Commission for approval. The Commission agreed to a revision in item #10, replacing "regular meeting" with "special meeting."

A motion was made, seconded and the Commission voted six (6) to zero (0) to approve minutes of the July 29, 2015 Special Meeting as amended. Commission member Sarah Eagan abstained.

2. After brief discussion on the nominations for Chairman and vice-Chairman of the Governmental Accountability Commission, nominations from the floor for Chairman were closed.

A motion was made, seconded and the Commission voted seven (7) to zero (0) to approve closure of nominations from the floor for Chairman of the Governmental Accountability Commission, with two nominations (Claudia Baio and Charles Chiusano).

A motion was made, seconded and the Commission voted seven (7) to zero (0) to table nominations from the floor for Vice Chairman until the next meeting.

3. Election of the Chairman of the Governmental Accountability Commission took place with two (2) nominees: Claudia Baio (State Contracting Standards Board) and Charles Chiusano (Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board).

A motion was made, seconded and the Commission voted four (4) [Commission members Baio, O'Connor, Moses and S. Eagan] to two (2) [Commission members O. Eagan and Penny] to elect Claudia Baio as Chairman of the Governmental Accountability Commission. Commission member Charles Chiusano abstained.

4. Following discussion, the scheduling of the performance evaluation of the Executive Administrator of the Office of Governmental Accountability was considered.

A motion was made, seconded and the Commission voted seven (7) to zero (0) to schedule an interim performance evaluation of the Executive Administrator for March 2016 and a full performance evaluation of the Executive Administrator for September 2016; written notice of this schedule will be sent to the Executive Administrator.

5. The Commission discussed the role and authority of the Executive Administrator over IT systems and Information Technology Protocol.

A motion was made, seconded and the Commission voted seven (7) to zero (0) to table this matter until the next meeting.

6. After discussion involving the Executive Administrator's attendance at Governmental Accountability Commission meetings, the Commission agreed to table the matter until the next meeting.

7. After brief discussion of the role of the Executive Administrator in Labor Relations matters and in the absence of a response from Attorney General Jepsen to the Commission's July 28, 2015 letter requesting his opinion, the Commission agreed to table the matter until the next meeting.

8. After discussion on the proposed meeting schedule, the Commission agreed to schedule a special meeting on the first Thursday of October, November and December 2015 in order to complete the Executive Administrator's performance evaluation.

A motion was made, seconded and the Commission voted seven (7) to zero (0) to hold a Special Meeting on the first Thursday of October, November and December 2015.

9. After discussion of the Executive Administrator providing clerical support for GAC meetings, the Commission agreed to table the matter until the next meeting.

10. There were no Public Comments.

11. On a motion made and seconded, the Commission voted seven to zero to adjourn the meeting at approximately 2:20PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis J. O'Connor, Commissioner
Judicial Review Council

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