



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS

CITIZEN'S ETHICS ADVISORY BOARD OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, CT 06106

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 19, 2018 REGULAR MEETING

The Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board ("Board") of the Office of State Ethics ("OSE") held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 19, 2018, in the 5th Floor Conference Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, CT 06106.

Chair Dena Castricone called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

The following Board members were present:

Dena Castricone, Chair
Mary Bigelow
Charles F. Chiusano
Beth Cook
Jason Farrell

Kevin Johnston, Vice Chair
Richard Lang
Cheryl Lipson
Nichelle Mullins

The following staff members of the OSE were present:

Carol Carson, Executive Director
Barbara Housen, General Counsel
Nancy Nicolescu, Director of Education &
Communications
Brian O'Dowd, Deputy General Counsel
Peter Lewandowski, Associate General Counsel

Mark Crayton, Assistant Ethics Enforcement
Officer
Mark Wasielewski, Deputy Ethics Enforcement
Officer
Malissa Hurry, Temporary Clerk of the Board
Diane Buxo, Paralegal Specialist

The following topics were addressed during the meeting:

1. The minutes of the March 22, 2018 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board for approval.

On the motion of Mr. Chiusano, seconded by Ms. Lipson, the Board voted nine (9) to zero (0) to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2018 Regular Meeting.

2. Chair Castricone requested a volunteer to serve as the UAPA Hearing Officer for hearings scheduled for May 24, 2018. Mr. Lang volunteered.
3. Associate General Counsel Peter Lewandowski presented draft Advisory Opinion No. 2018-2 in response to the petition from Connecticut Green Bank.

Following discussion and on the motion of Ms. Cook, seconded by Mr. Farrell, the Board voted nine (9) to zero (0) to adopt draft Advisory Opinion 2018-2.

4. General Counsel Housen provided proposed modification language of Board Policy No. 4.

Following discussion of Board Policy No. 4 and consideration of proposed amendments to the policy, the Board voted six (6) to three (3) with Ms. Bigelow, Ms. Cook and Mr. Farrell opposed, to make less restrictive the prohibition on Board members volunteering time and/or services in state political campaigns. The Board requested Ms. Housen modify the latest draft policy to change “personal capacity” to reflect “non-state capacity”, and to incorporate by reference her April 12, 2018 Memo on the scope of “uncompensated services provided by individuals volunteering their time”. The Board tabled the matter for further consideration at its next meeting.

5. General Counsel Housen presented the Legal Division Report.

6. Director of Education & Communications Nancy Nicolescu, presented the Education and Communications Report.

7. Deputy Ethics Enforcement Officer Wasielewski presented the Enforcement Division Report. He reported that a probable cause hearing is scheduled for June 27 and, if probable cause is found, a full Board hearing would need to be empaneled within 30 days. He noted the number of matters scheduled for the UAPA hearings scheduled for April 26, 2018, adding that a number of them will likely be settled prior to the hearing.

8. Mr. Wasielewski presented the audit report for the Boys and Girls Village, Inc. There was one adverse finding in this matter.

On the motion of Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Chiusano, the Board voted eight (8) to zero (0), with Chair Castricone abstaining, to approve the audit report for the Boys and Girls Village, Inc.

9. Executive Director Carson discussed the status of legislation of interest to the OSE. She noted the update of the Strategic Plan included in the Board materials. She introduced Paralegal Specialist Diane Buxo to the Board and highlighted her role at the OSE.

On the motion of Mr. Chiusano, seconded by Ms. Cook, the Board voted nine (9) to zero (0) to enter Executive Session to discuss the court appeals of Advisory Opinion 2017-2, pursuant to General Statutes §§ 1-200 (6) (B) and 1-210 (b) (4).

The following Board members were present for the Executive Session:

Dena Castricone, Chair
Mary Bigelow
Charles F. Chiusano
Beth Cook

Kevin Johnston, Vice Chair
Richard Lang
Cheryl Lipson
Nichelle Mullin

The following staff members were present for the Executive Session:

Carol Carson, Executive Director
Barbara Housen, General Counsel
Brian O'Dowd, Deputy General Counsel
Peter Lewandowski, Associate General Counsel
Malissa Hurry, Temporary Clerk of the Board

Following the Executive Session, the Board reconvened in public session.

On the motion of Mr. Chiusano, seconded by Ms. Lipson, the Board voted nine (9) to zero (0) to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Carol Carson
Executive Director
Office of State Ethics

Date approved
(By the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board)