



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 JANUARY 25, 2018 REGULAR MEETING

The Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board ("Board") of the Office of State Ethics ("OSE") held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2018, in the 5th Floor Conference Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, CT 06106.

Vice-Chair Kevin Johnston called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

The following Board members were present:

Dena Castricone, Chair (joined via phone at 1:42 p.m.)
Kevin Johnston, Vice-Chair
Mary Bigelow
Charles F. Chiusano
Beth Cook

Jason Farrell
Richard Lang
Cheryl Lipson
Nichelle Mullins

The following staff members of the OSE were present:

Carol Carson, Executive Director
Barbara Housen, General Counsel
Thomas K. Jones, Ethics Enforcement Officer
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
Alaaeldin Ali, IT Analyst, Temporary Clerk of the Board
Daniel Boateng, Fiscal Administrative Assistant

The following topics were addressed during the meeting:

1. The minutes of the December 21, 2017 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board for approval.

On the motion of Mr. Chiusano, seconded by Ms. Lipson, the Board voted eight (8) to zero (0) to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2017 Regular Meeting.

2. Vice-Chair Johnston requested a volunteer to serve as the UAPA Hearing Officer for hearings scheduled for February 15, 2018. Mr. Lang volunteered.

3. The following client lobbyists were chosen randomly for audit, pursuant to General Statutes § 1-96a (b). The audits will be conducted in the order that the lobbyists were selected.
 - TransCanada Power Marketing, LTD.
 - Boys & Girls Village, Inc.
 - The ACCESS Agency, Inc.
 - Connecticut Votes for Animals
 - ACTWireless
 - The Devon/Stratford Merchants & Citizens Coalition, LLC
 - Open Communities Alliance
 - CT Federation School Administrators
 - CC1 Owner, LLC
 - Northwest CT Public Safety Communication Center, Inc.
4. Associate General Counsel Peter Lewandowski presented draft Advisory Opinion No. 2018-1 in response to the Petition of Richard Strauss, Executive Director, Connecticut Academy of Science & Engineering. Attorney Haider Sultan and Mr. Strauss addressed the Board regarding the draft Opinion.

Following discussion and on the motion of Mr. Chiusano, seconded by Mr. Farrell, the Board voted eight (8) to zero (0) to adopt draft Advisory Opinion 2018-1.

5. General Counsel Housen presented the Legal Division Report.
6. Director of Education & Communications Nicolescu presented the Education and Communications Report.
7. Ethics Enforcement Officer Jones presented the Enforcement Division Report. Assistant Ethics Enforcement Officer Marc Crayton reported that 17 matters were currently docketed for the February UAPA hearing date and 33 matters for the March UAPA hearing date.
8. Associate General Counsel Peter Lewandowski presented a legislative proposal amending C.G.S. § 1-84c regarding disclosure of gifts to the state.

Following discussion and on the motion of Mr. Chiusano, seconded by Ms. Cook, the Board voted nine (9) to zero (0) to table the proposed legislative proposal.

9. Executive Director Carson presented the Executive Director's Report. She reported that her annual review will be conducted at the February meeting. She introduced fiscal administrative assistant Daniel Boateng to the Board.
10. Mr. Chiusano reported on the report of the University of Connecticut Faculty Consulting Oversight Committee.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Carol Carson
Executive Director
Office of State Ethics

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