



# 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 JULY 19, 2018 REGULAR MEETING**

The Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board ("Board") of the Office of State Ethics ("OSE") held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, July 19, 2018, in the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 (by teleconference)  
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  
T.J. Jones, Ethics Enforcement Officer  
Nancy Nicolescu, Director of Education &  
Communications  
Peter Lewandowski, Associate General Counsel

Mark Crayton, Assistant Ethics Enforcement  
Officer  
Mark Wasielewski, Deputy Ethics Enforcement  
Officer  
Gina Furtak, Legal Intern  
Alaaeldin Ali, Temporary Clerk of the Board

The following topics were addressed during the meeting:

1. The minutes of the June 21, 2018 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board for approval.
2. **On the motion of Ms. Cook, seconded by Ms. Lipson, the Board voted nine (9) to zero (0), with Mr. Johnston and Ms. Bigelow abstaining, to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2018 Regular Meeting.**
3. The minutes of the June 26, 2018 Special Meeting were presented to the Board for approval.

**On the motion of Ms. Bigelow, seconded by Ms. Cook, the Board voted nine (9) to zero (0), with Mr. Johnston and Ms. Bigelow abstaining, to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2018 Special Meeting.**

4. Chair Castricone volunteered to serve as the UAPA Hearing Officer for hearings scheduled for September 13, 2018.
5. General Counsel Barbara Housen recommended that the Board grant the Petition for an Advisory Opinion submitted by Raul Pino, Commissioner, Department of Public Health.

**Following discussion and on the motion of Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Farrell, the Board voted nine (9) to zero (0) to a grant the Petition for an Advisory Opinion from Mr. Pino.**

6. General Counsel Housen presented the Legal Division Report.
7. Director of Education and Communications Nicolescu presented the Education and Communications Reports.
8. Ethics Enforcement Officer Jones presented the Enforcement Division Report. He reported that a probable cause hearing is ongoing and, if probable cause is found, a full Board hearing would need to be empaneled within 30 days. He noted that 15 matters are scheduled for the UAPA hearings on July 26, 2018, adding that a number of them will likely be settled prior to the hearing.
9. Mr. Jones presented the audit report for ACT Wireless. There was one adverse finding in this matter.

**On the motion of Mr. Johnston, seconded by Ms. Cook, the Board voted nine (9) to zero (0) to approve the audit report for ACT Wireless.**

10. Executive Director Carson reported that Governor Malloy and Senate President Looney have been notified of their requirement to appoint a Board member for a four-year term to begin on October 1, 2018. She noted that both of the incumbents, Chair Castricone and Vice-Chair Johnston, have expressed interest in continuing to serve. She discussed a communication from David Wangaard of the School of Ethical Education seeking to partner with the Office of State Ethics.

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

Mr. Chiusano left the meeting prior to the Board entering Executive Session.

The following Board members were present for the Executive Session:

Dena Castricone, Chair  
Mary Bigelow  
Beth Cook  
Jason Farrell

Kevin Johnston, Vice-Chair  
Richard Lang  
Cheryl Lipson  
Nichelle Mullins

The following staff members were present for the Executive Session:

Carol Carson, Executive Director  
Barbara Housen, General Counsel  
T.J. Jones, Ethics Enforcement Officer

Peter Lewandowski, Associate General Counsel  
Gina Furtak, Legal Intern  
Alaaeldin Ali, Temporary Clerk of the Board

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

**On the motion of Mr. Farrell, seconded by Ms. Lipson, the Board voted eight (8) to zero (0) to adjourn the meeting.**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Carol Carson  
Executive Director  
Office of State Ethics

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