



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 JUNE 21, 2018 REGULAR MEETING

The Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board ("Board") of the Office of State Ethics ("OSE") held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, JUNE 21, 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
T.J. Jones, Ethics Enforcement Officer
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, Temporary Clerk of the Board

The following topics were addressed during the meeting:

1. The minutes of the May 17, 2018 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board for approval.

On the motion of Mr. Chiusano, seconded by Ms. Cook, the Board voted seven (7) to zero (0), with Mr. Johnston and Ms. Bigelow abstaining, to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2018 Regular Meeting.

2. Ms. Mullins volunteered to serve as the UAPA Hearing Officer for hearings scheduled for July 26, 2018.
3. General Counsel Housen presented the Legal Division Report. She introduced Gina Furtak, a law student at Western New England University School of Law, who is interning in the Legal Division this summer.

4. Executive Director Carson presented the Education and Communications Reports.
5. Ethics Enforcement Officer Jones presented the Enforcement Division Report. He reported that a probable cause hearing is now scheduled to begin on July 17, 2018 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 June 28, 2018, adding that a number of them will likely be settled prior to the hearing.
6. Mr. Jones presented the audit report for Connecticut Votes for Animals. There were no adverse findings in this matter.

On the motion of Mr. Johnston, seconded by Ms. Bigelow, the Board voted nine (9) to zero (0) to approve the audit report for Connecticut Votes for Animals.

7. Executive Director Carson reported on Public Act 18-64, which takes effect on October 1, 2018, and the staff's preparation for it. She updated the Board on projects the staff will tackle this summer.

On the motion of Mr. Chiusano, seconded by Ms. Lipson, 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).

The following Board members were present for the Executive Session:

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

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Carson".

Carol Carson
Executive Director
Office of State Ethics

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