



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 18, 2019 REGULAR MEETING

The Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board ("Board") of the Office of State Ethics ("OSE") held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, July 18, 2019, in the 5th Floor Conference Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, CT 06106.

Chair Dena Castricone called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

The following Board members were present:

Dena Castricone, Chair
Mary Bigelow
Charles F. Chiusano (by telephone)
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
Nancy Nicolescu, Director of Education &
Communication
Mark Wasielewski, Ethics Enforcement Officer
Mark Crayton, Deputy Ethics Enforcement Officer
Peter Lewandowski, Deputy General Counsel
Diane Buxo, Assistant General Counsel

Malissa Hurry, Paralegal Specialist
Alaaeldin Ali, Temporary Clerk of the
Board
Kelly DeSalvatore (Intern)
Alyssa Morrissey (Intern)
Jessica Zaccagnino (Intern)

The following topics were addressed during the meeting:

1. Resolution adopted by the Board regarding the retirement of Executive Director, Carol Carson.

On the motion of Ms. Cook, seconded by Ms. Lipson, the Board voted nine (9) to zero (0) to approve the motion to adopt resolution regarding the retirement of Executive Director, Carol Carson.

2. The Board entered into Executive Session to discuss the appointment of the Executive Director of the Office of State Ethics, pursuant to General Statutes § 1-200 (6) (A).

On the motion of Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Chiusano, the Board voted nine (9) to zero (0) to approve the motion to enter into executive session.

3. Upon return to public session, the Board conducted interviews of two final candidates for the position of Executive Director of the Office of State Ethics.
4. The Board entered into Executive Session to discuss the appointment of the Executive Director of the Office of State Ethics, pursuant to General Statutes § 1-200 (6) (A).

On the motion of Mr. Johnston, seconded by Ms. Cook, the Board voted nine (9) to zero (0) to approve the motion to enter into executive session.

Upon return to public session and on the motion of Ms. Lipson, seconded by Ms. Cook, the Board voted nine (9) to zero (0) to add an Agenda item.

On the motion of Ms. Bigelow, seconded by Mr. Farrell, the Board voted nine (9) to zero (0) to approve the motion to extend an offer of the position of Executive Director of the Office of State Ethics to Peter Lewandowski.

5. The minutes of the June 20, 2019 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board for approval.

On the motion of Mr. Johnston, seconded by Ms. Cook, the Board voted nine (9) to zero (0) to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2019 Regular Meeting.

6. Chair Castricone presented the Chair's Report, noting that a selection of a two-person Nominating Committee was to occur before the July regular Board meeting. A motion to accept amended policy of the Nominating Committee was recommended.

On the motion of Mr. Johnston, seconded by Ms. Cook, the Board voted nine (9) to zero (0) to accept the amended policy of the nominating committee.

7. Chair Castricone recommended that Mr. Johnston and Ms. Lipson serve as the Nominating Committee.

On the motion of Mr. Johnston, seconded by Ms. Cook, the Board voted nine (9) to zero (0) to appoint a Nominating Committee of Mr. Johnston and Ms. Lipson.

8. Deputy General Counsel Lewandowski presented the Legal Division report, discussing an overhaul of the regulations project.

9. Ethics Enforcement Officer Wasielewski presented the Enforcement Division Report. He provided a status report on the number of unresolved matters on the docket for the UAPA hearing scheduled for September 12, 2019. He also noted there was a pending offer of compromise in a UAPA matter.

On the motion of Ms. Cook, seconded by Mr. Chiusano, the Board voted nine (9) to zero (0) to enter executive session to consider offers of compromise in UAPA matters.

Upon return to public session and on the motion of Ms. Castricone, seconded by Ms. Cook, the Board voted nine (9) to zero (0) to reject a counter offer in Docket Number 2019-02UP

10. Chair Castricone was appointed to serve as Hearing Officer for the UAPA hearing scheduled for September 12, 2019.
11. Executive Director Carson presented the Executive Director's Report updating the Board on the staff vacancies of Staff Attorney 2 and Paralegal Specialist in the Office of State Ethics. The process of hiring a Staff Attorney 2 is currently being finalized, and interviews regarding the Paralegal Specialist position will be conducted on July 30, 2019.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carol Carson
Executive Director
Office of State Ethics

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