

**CITIZEN'S ETHICS ADVISORY BOARD
OF THE OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS
18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, CT 06106-1660**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2014

The Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board ("Board") of the Office of State Ethics ("OSE") held a Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 18, 2014, in the 5th Floor Conference Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, CT 06106.

Chairman Charles Chiusano called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

The following members of the Board were present:

- Charles F. Chiusano, Chairman
- Herbert A. Grant, Vice-Chairman
- Mary Bigelow, Member
- Susan Gruen, Member (Participated via teleconference)
- Roger Kemp, Member
- Daniel Young, Member (Participated via teleconference)
- Rev. Tommie Jackson, Member (Participated via teleconference)
- Kevin P. Johnston, Member

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 and Communication
- Brian O'Dowd, Deputy General Counsel
- Mark E. Wasielewski, Deputy Ethics Enforcement Officer
- Peter Lewandowski, Assistant General Counsel
- Marc W. Crayton, Assistant Ethics Enforcement Officer
- Taliea Hatcher-Redway, Clerk Typist

The following topics were addressed during the meeting:

1. General Counsel Housen administered the oath of office to Board member Kevin P. Johnston.
2. The minutes of the November 20, 2014 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board for approval.

On the motion of Mr. Kemp, seconded by Ms. Gruen, the Board voted eight (8) to zero (0) to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2014 Regular Meeting.

3. Chairman Chiusano presented the Chairman's Report. He reported on the Executive Director's annual evaluation and on the Board vacancy.
4. General Counsel Housen presented a Petition for Declaratory Ruling from Sgt. James Hemingway, Jr.

On the motion of Mr. Grant, seconded by Ms. Bigelow, the Board voted eight (8) to zero (0) to grant the Petition for Declaratory Ruling from Sgt. James Hemingway, Jr.

5. General Counsel Housen presented the Legal Division Report. She updated the Board on the matter of Priscilla Dickman v. CEAB, Docket No. CV-13-5005785. She also reported that the Connecticut Department of Transportation ("DOT") issued its Policy #EX.0.-32, which addresses a) the treatment of property discovered on state or the DOT property, and b) the question asked by Craig Savage in his Petition for Advisory Opinion filed in October 2014. At the October 2014 meeting, the Board denied the petition without prejudice in anticipation of the DOT issuing its policy #EX.0.-32.
6. Ethics Enforcement Officer Jones presented the Enforcement Division Report. He reported on the increased number of background checks received from the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection ("DESPP") subsequent to the recent elections and new appointments. He also reminded the Board of the UAPA hearings and a confidential probable cause hearing scheduled for January 29, 2015, and on the requirement to empanel the Board, should probable cause be found.
7. Ethics Enforcement Officer Jones presented the audit reports for Gardner Wright and Day Kimball Hospital.

On the motion of Mr. Young, seconded by Ms. Gruen, the Board voted eight (8) to zero (0) to approve the audit report for Gardner Wright.

On the motion of Mr. Young, seconded by Ms. Gruen, the Board voted seven (7) to zero (0) to approve the audit report for Day Kimball Hospital. Board member Johnston abstained from voting.

8. Executive Director Carson presented the Executive Director's Report. She reported on a) the OSE budget for the 2015 fiscal year; b) the Nigerian study group's inability to come to Connecticut in December due to visa issues; c) the 2015 Legislative Proposals; and d) staff members' attendance at the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from December 6-10. She finally informed the Board of her upcoming vacation from January 1-19 of 2015.
9. Ms. Nicolescu presented the Media and Communication Report.
10. Chairman Chiusano provided an opportunity for public comments. There were no public comments.

11. **On the motion of Mr. Grant, seconded by Mr. Kemp, the Board voted eight (8) to zero (0) to move into Closed Session to discuss status of matters that are confidential pursuant to General Statutes §§ 1-82a and 1-93a.**

The following individuals attended the Executive Session:

Charles F. Chiusano	Carol Carson
Herbert A. Grant	Barbara Housen
Mary Bigelow	Thomas K. Jones
Sue Gruen	Nancy Nicolescu
Roger Kemp	Mark Wasielewski
Kevin P. Johnston	Marc W. Crayton
Daniel Young	Taliea Hatcher-Redway
Tommie Jackson	

12. **On the motion of Mr. Grant, seconded by Ms. Gruen, the Board voted eight (8) to zero (0) to move out of Closed Session.**

13. **On the motion of Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Jackson, the Board voted eight (8) to zero (0) to adjourn the meeting at 2:08 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by,

Iris E. D'Oleo-Edwin, Clerk
Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board

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