



Regular Meeting

Friday, April 11, 2025 - 10:00 A.M.
Location: 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT
Conference Room G006 and G007 and *Virtual*

In attendance:

Rochelle Palache, Chair
Thomas Ahneman (virtual)
Robert Fernandez (virtual)
Lauren Gauthier (in person)
Al Ilg (virtual)
Donna Karnes (virtual)
Jean Morningstar (virtual)
James Marpe (in person)
Stuart Mahler (in person)
Brenda Sisco (in person at 10:35 am)

Greg Daniels, Executive Director
Aaron Felman, Staff Attorney
Maritza Lopez, Accounts Examiner
Carmen Hufcut, Trainer Specialist
Aleshia Hall, Administrative Assistant

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order 10:10 a.m.
 - a. **Roll Call of Board Members**
2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Approval of the minutes from the March 14, 2025, SCSB Special Meeting

A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Lauren Gauthier
The motion was seconded by James Marpe
The motion passed unanimously with one abstention from Thomas Ahneman
3. **Communications and Petitions**
 - a. **Sec. 4e-36 Contested Solicitations and Awards Subcommittee Report – Stuart L. Mahler**
 - i. **Docket 2025-001:** Lighting Services Inc. Contest/Appeal of the Award of Department of Administrative Services Contract #24PSX0244 for Inspection, Testing, Repairs, and Purchase of Emergency Lighting Systems and Exiting.

The subcommittee met yesterday regarding this notice. The vendor hearing is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 1:00 pm with the Vendor and DAS in attendance. At the request of the subcommittee, Staff Attorney Felman will be drafting a proposed decision that reflects the outcome of the vendor hearing.

- ii. **Docket 2025-002:** A notice of contest was received from Torcco that is being preliminarily reviewed. The subcommittee meeting and vendor hearing will be scheduled to take place within the 30-day time frame.

b. Privatization Contract Committee Report:

In the absence of Chair Luciano, Chair Palache noted that there is nothing to report.

c. Audit/Data Analysis Work Group – Chair Lauren C. Gauthier

i. Audit/Data Analysis Work Group Report – Chair Lauren C. Gauthier

Chair Gauthier thanked Accounts Examiner Lopez for sharing the completed audit of the Office and Policy and Management. She has requested additional documentation.

ii. Budget Sub-Work Group Report – Chair Brenda L. Sisco

- 1. SCSB Budget Testimony: No report was offered.

d. Statutes, Regulations, Policies and Procedures Work Group – Chair Thomas G. Ahneman

i. Statutes, Regulations, Policies and Procedures Work Group Report – Chair Thomas G. Ahneman

Chair Ahneman stated that they have been unable to meet since our last meeting. Legislative issues will be discussed later in this agenda. The next meeting of the work group is scheduled to take place on April 22, 2025.

1. Regulations Report – Chair Thomas G. Ahneman

2. Legislative Report –

At the request of Chair Palache, Staff Attorney Felman provided the following legislative update:

- SB1499 received a joint favorable vote out of the GAE committee and has been forwarded to the Senate calendar.

3. Attorney Felman offered an opportunity for the Board members to discuss pending legislation.

In response to Ms. Gauthier, Attorney Felman shared that additional information has been provided to Representative Blumenthal in response to his requests. Ms. Gauthier recommended that the Board discuss and reach consensus on the legislative matters. Ms. Gauthier is also willing to offer a vote of confidence for the Chair to make those decisions on behalf of the Board.

On March 28, 2025, Roberto Fernandez was appointed to the State Contracting Standards Board by Speaker of the House Matthew Ritter. Chair Palache welcomed him to the Board and invited him to introduce himself. Mr. Fernandez shared that he already knows several members of the Board. He shared highlights of his career and is now retired and looking forward to working with everyone on the Board. Each of the Board members and staff in attendance introduced themselves and welcomed him to the State Contracting Standards Board.

6. Opportunity for Citizens to Address the SCSB:

There were no citizens requesting to address the SCSB.

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 10:37 am by Brenda Sisco.
The motion was seconded by Lauren Gauthier.
The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Aleshia M. Hall
Administrative Assistant