

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

### OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS

### THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL ETHICS CITIZEN'S ETHICS ADVISORY BOARD OFFICE OF STATE ETHICS 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, CT 06106

#### MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 25, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING

The Subcommittee on Municipal Ethics of the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board ("Subcommittee") of the Office of State Ethics ("OSE") held a Special Meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2018, in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, 18-20 Trinity Street, Hartford, CT 06106.

The Chair of the Subcommittee Mary Bigelow called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

#### The following Subcommittee members were present:

Mary Bigelow, Chair Charles F. Chiusano Beth Cook Cheryl Lipson

#### The following staff members of the OSE were present:

Peter Lewandowski, Associate General Counsel Alaaeldin Ali, IT Analyst, Temporary Clerk of the Board

The following topics were addressed during the meeting:

1. The adoption of 2018 Regular Meeting Schedule.

# On the motion of Ms. Cook, seconded by Ms. Lipson, the Subcommittee voted four (4) to zero (0) to approve the 2018 Regular Meeting Schedule.

2. Subcommittee members discussed the current status of municipal ethics in Connecticut. Each member presented the result of their inquiries of various municipalities and municipal organizations. Ms. Lipson presented feedback from the towns of Avon, Beacon Falls, Monroe, Orange, Bethany, Woodbridge; Ms. Cook presented the results from West Hartford; Mr. Chiusano presented information for Fairfield, Stamford, Easton, Madison and Trumbull; Ms. Bigelow presented for Killingworth, regional/local councils of government. Members of the subcommittee discussed the possible creation of a questionnaire/survey to obtain more information from municipalities and invitation of Connecticut Conference of Municipalities ("CCM") and Connecticut Council of Small Towns ("COST") representatives to a subcommittee meeting to discuss municipal ethics initiatives.

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3. Subcommittee members discussed the possibility of pursuing legislative proposals on municipal ethics during 2018 legislative session and noted the benefits of doing research and preparation this calendar year in order to pursue legislative initiatives during the 2019 session.

4. For immediate goals, the subcommittee members unanimously agreed to invite CCM and COST representatives to the next subcommittee meeting and also agreed to commence work on preparing questionnaire/survey for municipalities.

# On the motion of Mr. Chiusano, seconded by Ms. Bigelow, the Subcommittee voted four (4) to zero (0) to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Peter Lewandowski

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Office of State Ethics

Date approved

(By the Subcommittee of the Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board)