

**State of Connecticut
Commission on Enhancing Agency Outcomes**

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 18, 2009
3:00 PM in Room 1A of the LOB

The meeting was called to order at 3:16 PM by Chairperson Gayle Slossberg.

The following commission members were present:

Senator Gayle Slossberg (Co-Chair)
Representative James F. Spallone (Co-Chair)
Senator Michael McLachlan
Representative John Hetherington
Senator Toni Harp
Representative John Geragosian
Senator Dan Debicella
Representative Craig Miner
Deputy Secretary Michael Cicchetti, OPM

Senator Robert Duff
Senator Gary LeBeau
Representative Russell Morin
Representative Robert Megna
Attorney Shelley Gaballe
William Cibes
William Aniskovich
Representative Vincent Candelora

I. CONVENE MEETING

Sen. Slossberg convened the meeting at 3:16 PM.

II. REMARKS BY THE CHAIRS

Sen. Slossberg welcomed everyone and articulated the purpose of the Commission. Rep. Spallone similarly welcomed everyone and framed the Commission's charge in the history of government re-organization efforts in Connecticut.

III. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS

Sen. Slossberg invited members of the Commission to introduce themselves and share their background and primary interests in the Commission's work.

IV. DISCUSSION OF METHODOLOGY

Sen. Slossberg announced the formation of workgroups on ***Human Services & Delivery***, ***Economic Development***, and ***Technology***, and welcomed members' suggestions of additional workgroup focus areas. She further requested that members compile their initial thoughts and suggestions on paper and submit them to Jared Kupiec, Commission Administrator, at Jared.Kupiec@cga.ct.gov. Sen. Slossberg also expressed the Co-Chairs' plan to hold field hearings throughout Connecticut to gather public feedback during this process.

Sen. Debicella expressed a desire that the Commission clarify its purpose, scope, and deadline, in order to collaborate in an efficient and effective manner, before delving into its work. Sen. Slossberg responded that, while certain discussions would occur at the outset,

certain decisions would be made as needed depending on the specific agencies and desired outcomes under consideration at a given time.

Sen. LeBeau suggested that the Commission seek longer-term solutions (those taking effect beyond the Commission's reporting deadline) in addition to its relatively immediate recommendations. Sen. Slossberg expressed confidence that Commission's recommendations would include shorter-term and longer-term changes in the structure of state government.

Mr. Cibes expressed his hope that the Commission would attempt to define the priority outcomes of state government. He noted that such definition would help guide the Commission's work. Sen. Slossberg reiterated that members should compile and submit their initial ideas and recommendations regarding the Commission's procedures and priorities.

V. RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO COMMISSION MEMBERS

Sen. Slossberg announced that several copies of prior government re-organization reports and other materials are available in the Government Administration and Elections area, Suite 2200 of the Legislative Office Building.

VI. WEBSITE: <http://www.cga.ct.gov/gae/CEAO/default.asp>

Sen. Slossberg announced the new website for the Commission, stating that the website would be used as a storehouse for pertinent information and a means of gathering public input throughout the process.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 PM.

Jared W. Kupiec
Commission Administrator

Benedict R. Daigle
Commission Staff