

State of Connecticut
CJIS Governing Board
Special Session
Record of Proceedings
August 26, 2008

Members/Designated Representatives Present: Lt. Gov. Michael Fedele, Co-Chair, Lieutenant Governor's Office; Judge Patrick L. Carroll, III, Co-Chair, Deputy Chief Court Administrator, Judicial Branch; Senator John Kissel, Senate 7th District, Judiciary Committee; Senator Andrew McDonald, Senate 27th District, Judiciary Committee; Representative Michael Lawlor 99th District, Judiciary Committee; Commissioner Robert Ward, Department of Motor Vehicles; Chief State's Attorney, Kevin Kane, Office of the Chief State's Attorney, Division of Criminal Justice; Deputy Commissioner Carol Salsbury, Department of Correction; Commissioner John Danaher, Department of Public Safety; CIO Diane Wallace, Department of Information Technology; Chairman Robert Farr, Board of Pardons and Paroles; Commissioner James M. Thomas, Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security; Michelle Cruz, Office of Victim Advocate; Chief Richard Mulhall, Connecticut Police Chief Association; and Designee Deborah DelPrete Sullivan, Office of the Chief Public Defender Services

Others Present: Tracy Brown (Recorder), Bryan Cafferelli, Chris Duryea, Clyde (Buck) Grimes, Darryl Hayes, Joan Hilliard, Myshrall, Capt. Patrick O'Hara, Terry Schnure, Bill Seymour, Celia Siefert

I. Welcome and Introduction

The meeting was called to order by Co-chairman Lt. Gov. Michael Fedele at 1:10 PM. Lt. Gov. Fedele welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the CJIS Governing Board Special Session.

II. CJIS Governing Board, Executive Director

Lt. Gov. Fedele stated at the July 31, 2008 regularly scheduled CJIS Governing Board meeting, it was discussed that the CJIS Governing Board Executive Director Search Committee had chosen three prospective candidates for the CJIS Governing Board Executive Director position. In addition, Lt. Gov. Fedele gave a synopsis of the search process for the Executive Director. At the time of the July 31, 2008 meeting, the Search Committee had not yet completed the background checks on each prospective candidate. Lt. Gov. Fedele, Judge Patrick Carroll and Undersecretary Brian Austin were reviewing the background checks of each candidate. Lt. Gov. Fedele suggested at the July 31, 2008 meeting, that a Special Session will be held for the CJIS Governing Board members to accept the Search Committee's recommendation of a candidate to fill the CJIS Governing Board Executive Director position, when the background check process was completed and the Search Committee had further opportunity to meet to receive reports on the background checks. At this Special Session, the CJIS Governing Board members would then consider the candidate recommendation from the Search Committee. With CJIS Governing Board approval, an offer and employment negotiations would be made.

The CJIS Governing Board Executive Director Search Committee held a meeting in Lt. Gov. Fedele's office on August 14, 2008 to consider the additional background check information and recommend candidate for the Executive Director position. The CJIS Executive Director Search Committee voted six to one to recommend Mr. Sean Thakkar. .

Lt. Gov. Fedele opened the floor for any comments concerning the recommendation. Senator Andrew McDonald asked to address the CJIS Governing Board members about the recommendation of Mr. Thakkar.

Lt. Gov. Fedele asked that the CJIS Governing Board enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment recommendation of Mr. Thakkar. By consensus and without objection of the members of the CJIS Governing Board who were present, the CJIS Governing Board went into Executive Session. Lt. Gov. Fedele asked members of the public to exit the room.

III. Executive Session:

The Executive Session began at 1:25 PM.

The Executive Session went into recess at 2:05 PM in order for Designee Deborah DelPrete Sullivan to communicate with and bring Chief Public Defender Susan Storey of the Office of the Chief Public Defender Services up to date with the proceedings of the CJIS Governing Board Executive Session. The Executive Session resumed again at 2:15 PM.

Executive Session ended at 2:30 PM, Lt. Gov. Fedele invited members of the public to return to the room to resume the CJIS Governing Board meeting.

IV. Vote to Approve Recommendation:

Lt. Gov. Fedele called the CJIS Governing Board back to order. Lt. Gov. Fedele requested a vote by all members present to accept the CJIS Executive Director Search Committee's recommendation of Mr. Sean Thakkar, under the conditions that he accept the negotiated salary offer provided releases from all applicable non-competitive agreements from previous employers are obtained. A provision to the vote will be if Mr. Thakkar does not accept the proposed offer, Mr. Jason Rosado will be offered the position with the same stipulation. The CJIS Governing Board voted eleven in favor, two not in favor, and one abstention, to accept Mr. Thakkar for the CJIS Executive Director position.

V. Other Business

No other business matters were discussed at the meeting.

VI. Dates of Next Meetings

CJIS Governing Board

The next scheduled CJIS Governing Board will be announced at a later date; an email notification will be sent.

CJIS Implementation Group

Thursday September 18, 2008 at 1:30 PM

Department of Information Technology, 101 E. River Dr., Rm. 1002A, East Hartford, CT.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 PM by Lt. Gov. Fedele.