

MINUTES OF THE  
SPECIAL MEETING OF  
THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF

CONNECTICUT MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC ENERGY COOPERATIVE

**January 4, 2019**

The Special Meeting of the Special Committee of the Board of Directors of Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative met telephonically and physically at the CMEEC offices at 30 Stott Avenue, Norwich, CT at 1:00 p.m.

**The following Committee Members participated:**

Bozrah Light & Power:	Richard Tanger
Groton Utilities:	Mark Oefinger
Norwich Public Utilities:	Stewart Peil
East Norwalk:	Debora Goldstein
South Norwalk:	Paul Yatcko (via telephone)

**The following individuals from CMEEC Management participated:**

Robin Kipnis, CMEEC General Counsel  
Eileen Duggan, Esquire, Suisman Shapiro  
Margaret Job, Administrative Staff

**Other participants:**

William Kowalski, Municipal Electric Consumer Advocate (via telephone)  
Kevin Aherne, Reporter, The Norwich Bulletin  
Claire Bessette, Reporter, The Day

Ms. Job recorded.

Committee Chairwoman Debora Goldstein called the Public Session of the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. She requested roll call of attendance of those participating by telephone and those participating in person.

**(A) Public Attendance Comment Period**

Chairwoman Goldstein opened the floor for public comment. No member of the public present made a comment.

**(B) Approval of the Minutes of the December 5, 2018 Special Meeting of the Special Committee**

Chairwoman Goldstein requested that the December 5, 2018 minutes be corrected to reflect the correct name of the Committee by removing the word “Investigative” or “Investigation” in its title as written on those draft minutes.

**Chairwoman Goldstein made a motion to amend the December 5, 2018 minutes, seconded by Committee Member Mark Oefinger.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Chairwoman Goldstein entertained a motion to approve the December 5, 2018 minutes as amended by motion.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Steward Peil, seconded by Committee Member Richard Tanger to approve the Minutes of the December 5, 2018 Special Meeting of the Special Committee as amended, with Committee Member Paul Yatcko abstaining.**

**Motion passed.**

**(C) Executive Session**

Chairwoman Goldstein made a statement regarding the Cohen Reznick Forensic Examination Report (the “Report”) commenting that the Report is a public document and that it had been posted on the CMEEC website. She stated that to the extent any content of the Report is relevant to the Special Committee and the investigation, only those relevant items identified in the Report will be discussed in Executive Session. She added that the Report had been made available to the Special Committee in advance of this meeting.

Chairwoman Goldstein entertained a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss strategy and/or negotiations with respect to pending claims against CMEEC employees and/or pending litigation regarding CMEEC’s consideration of enforcement of legal relief or legal rights related to CMEEC employees.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Tanger, seconded by Committee Member Peil to enter Executive Session with instruction to the Committee to re-enter Public Session at the end of its discussion in Executive Session.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**The basis for entering Executive Session is in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-200(6)(B). Members of the Special Committee as well as Ms. Kipnis and Attorney Duggan remained.**

The Special Committee re-entered Public Session at 3:35 p.m.

**(D) Possible discussion/decision on interim findings and recommendations**

Chairwoman Goldstein read a finding that, in light of the meeting held in Executive Session with Attorney Duggan, the Special Committee would need to schedule an additional meeting subsequent to the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 23, 2019 before making its findings and recommendation to the CMEEC Board of Directors. Based on that finding, Chairperson Goldstein made the following motion:

**To hold an additional meeting of the Special Committee on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the CMEEC offices.**

The motion was **seconded by Committee Member Peil.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

There being no further business to come before this Committee, Chairwoman Goldstein entertained a motion to adjourn.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Tanger, seconded by Committee Member Peil to adjourn.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.