

## Statement by David Guay

### Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee

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Good afternoon Senator Looney and Representative Janowski and distinguished members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee, my name is David Guay and I am here to discuss Governor Malloy's nomination of me as the first Executive Director of the State Contracting Standards Board.

I have been the acting Executive Director of the State Contracting Standards Board for almost four months.

The State Contracting Standards Board is a board whose mission is to ensure that the state's contracting process is done in a fair, cost-effective, and nonpolitical way.

In October, I was honored when Governor Malloy asked me to become the first Executive Director of the State Contracting Standards Board. I believe that my thirty years as a Connecticut public servant, along with my four years of service in the Air Force, uniquely qualify me to fill the Executive Director position at the State Contracting Standards Board.

The State Contracting Standards Board's mission to ensure that state contracts are awarded fairly and cost-effectively aligns with the manner in which I have conducted my public service career. My goal has always been to make my workplaces operate effectively and efficiently. As an Air Force Sergeant, I held a series of administrative positions, most of which required me to run small offices with military precision. When I was the Director of Campaign Finance in the Secretary of State's Office, I oversaw a small office known for its quick and accurate responses to complicated campaign finance questions from elected officials. As

the long-time Executive Director of the State Board of Accountancy (SBOA), I managed a small regulatory and licensing agency so well that the State Auditors found little with which to fault me on in their annual audits.

Two years ago, I appeared before you as Governor Malloy's selection to be the first Executive Administrator (EA) of Office of Governmental Accountability (OGA). As the EA of a newly created agency, I successfully consolidated the personnel, payroll, affirmative action, administrative, business office functions of nine formerly standalone agencies.

The State Contracting Standards Board is a new agency heralding changes to the state's contracting processes. I embrace change since it has been a constant during each phase of my long public service career. In the Air Force, I was part of a military that was transitioning from wartime to peace operations. In the first part of my state career, I led efforts to streamline campaign financing. At the SBOA, there were four separate governance changes in seven years. Most recently, at the OGA, I operationalized a streamlined business model for nine formerly standalone agencies (some of which actively opposed this new business model).

Throughout my long public service career, I believe that the changes I helped implement saved taxpayers money while ensuring that they still received the important services government has to offer. For all of the reasons I have stated, I believe I have the qualifications necessary to be the state's first Executive Director of the State Contracting Standards Board.

Thank you for taking the time to discuss my qualifications for the position of Executive Director of the State Contracting Standards Board.