



QUESTIONS FOR THE NOMINEE FOR CONNECTICUT HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY CHAIRPERSON

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CONNECTICUT HEALTH AND EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY (CHEFA) CHAIRPERSON ([CGS § 10A-179](#))

This quasi-public agency assists in the financing and refinancing of capital projects for higher education institutions, health care institutions, nursing homes, child care or child development facilities, and other nonprofit organizations. The legislature must confirm the appointment of a board member as a chairperson. The legislature does not confirm the appointment of other board members.

QUESTIONS FOR NOMINEE

1. What are the greatest financial challenges that CHEFA clients face, and how does the authority assist them which these challenges?
2. What are the greatest challenges facing CHEFA, and what is the authority doing to address them?
3. What measures does CHEFA use to gauge its success or determine the areas where it most needs improvement?
4. In 2012, the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority (CHESLA) was merged into CHEFA as a subsidiary quasi-public agency ([PA 12-149](#)). In what ways has the merger proved beneficial? Has the merger created any challenges?



5. The most recent report from the State Auditors of Public Accounts recommended that CHEFA submit quarterly reports to the General Assembly's Office of Fiscal Analysis in a more timely manner. The auditors found that CHEFA submitted several required reports after the close of the quarter, diminishing the value of the data. How will you make CHEFA's data-sharing with the General Assembly a priority?
6. CHEFA provides financing for a wide range of entities, from hospitals and higher education institutions to child care centers. Does CHEFA have the expertise needed to evaluate projects in all these areas? Is CHEFA's charge too broad?
7. How should CHEFA's board of directors balance its responsibilities toward participating institutions, the people those institutions serve, bondholders, and the state?
8. Previously, CHEFA had the authority to finance higher education projects for the state universities and nonprofit independent institutions. The General Assembly expanded this in 2012, giving CHEFA the authority to also finance UConn and community-technical college projects ([PA 12-149](#)). In the years since, have UConn and community colleges utilized CHEFA for financing assistance?
9. [PA 15-146, § 38](#) required the CHEFA chairperson, in consultation with the Office of Health Care Access and the economic and community development commissioner, to study financing options for community hospitals for various purposes. Are you familiar with the type of financing options that this study recommended? Has CHEFA begun to implement any of them?
10. Do you know how the administrative costs of operating CHEFA compare to the administrative costs of similar authorities around the country?

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