

Quasi-Public Agency Boards of Directors

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Issue

Provide information about each quasi-public agency's board of directors, including (1) each board's composition, (2) which boards' appointees are coterminous with their appointing authorities, (3) who selects each board's chairperson, and (4) which state officeholders serve on the most boards.

This report updates OLR Report [2019-R-0218](#).

Summary

Connecticut currently has 16 quasi-public agencies, each governed by a board of directors. Table 1 below provides detailed information about each board's composition. For more information on quasi-public agencies, please see OLR Report [2022-R-0176](#).

Of the 16 boards, 12 have members with fixed term lengths. The appointed members of three quasi-public agency boards have terms that are coterminous with their appointing authorities: Connecticut Innovations, Inc.; the Connecticut Lottery Corporation; and the State Education Resource Center. Members of the State Housing Authority board have their term lengths determined by the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) board.

The governor selects the chairperson of each quasi-public agency's board of directors except for those of the Connecticut Port Authority and the State Housing Authority. The port authority chairperson is elected by the authority's board of directors, while the housing authority's chairperson is appointed by the CHFA board of directors.

Most of the quasi-public boards of directors include ex-officio members. Typically, these are appointed officials in the executive branch, such as the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) secretary or state agency commissioners. They may also include constitutional officers, such as the state treasurer and state comptroller.

The OPM secretary serves on 12 quasi-public agency boards, which is the largest total among ex-officio members. The state treasurer serves on 10. (One of these memberships is in a non-voting capacity.) Among state agency commissioners, the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) commissioner serves on the most boards (eight).

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For each board, Table 1 below lists the number of directors, legislative and gubernatorial appointees, executive branch officials, other members, and non-voting members. It also lists appointed members' term lengths and whether these members are subject to legislative confirmation. Lastly, it identifies how the board's chairperson is selected.

The term lengths listed in the table refer to those members who serve after a board's initial slate of appointments. (In some cases, the initial appointees serve different term lengths in order to stagger the appointments.)

Unless otherwise noted, each ex-officio board member may have a designee serve in his or her place. "Executive branch officials" refers to appointed officials in the executive branch, such as the OPM secretary or state agency commissioners.

Table 1: Quasi-Public Agency Boards of Directors

Quasi-Public Agency	Number of Directors and Chairperson Selection	Legislative Appointees	Gubernatorial Appointees	Executive Branch Officials	Other	Non-voting	Appointed Members' Term Lengths	Legislative Confirmation
<p>Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated (CI)</p> <p>(CGS § 32-35, as amended by PA 22-97)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Governor selects chairperson</p>	4	9	<p>OPM secretary</p> <p>DECD commissioner</p> <p>Connecticut State Colleges and Universities (CSCU) president</p>	State treasurer	N/A	Serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority but no longer than the appointing authority's term of office or until the member's successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer	No
<p>Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority (CHEFA)</p> <p>(CGS § 10a-179)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Governor selects chairperson</p>	0	8	OPM secretary	State treasurer	N/A	Five years	Chairperson only (both chambers)

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<p>Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority (CHESLA)</p> <p><i>(CGS § 10a-179a, as amended by PA 21-2, June Special Session (JSS), § 243)</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p>CHEFA board chairperson serves as CHESLA board chairperson</p>	0	0	<p>OPM secretary</p> <p>CSCU president</p> <p>Chief workforce officer</p>	<p>State treasurer</p> <p>Four appointments made by CHEFA board</p> <p>CHEFA board chairperson</p> <p>CHEFA executive director</p>	N/A	Six years	No
<p>Connecticut Student Loan Foundation (CSLF)</p> <p><i>(CGS § 10a-203a)</i></p>	<p>The CHESLA board also serves as the board of directors for CSLF (see above)</p> <p>CHESLA board chairperson also serves as CSLF board chairperson</p>	See above	See above	See above	See above	See above	See above	See above

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Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) (CGS § 8-244)	16 Governor selects chairperson	4	7	OPM secretary Banking commissioner DECD commissioner Department of Housing (DOH) commissioner	State treasurer	N/A	Five years	No
State Housing Authority (SHA) (CGS § 8-244b)	3 CHFA board appoints chairperson	0	0	N/A	Three appointees of the CHFA board: two members must be CHFA board members, and one member must be a CHFA officer or employee	N/A	Determined by CHFA board	No

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Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA) (CGS § 22a-261)	11 Governor selects chairperson	8	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	Four years	Both chambers (The governor's chairperson selection is also subject to confirmation by both chambers)
Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) (CGS § 32-601)	14 Governor selects chairperson	2	4	OPM secretary DECD commissioner DOH commissioner Department of Transportation (DOT) commissioner	The mayors of Hartford and East Hartford (the law does not authorize the mayors to have designees) Two appointees of Hartford's mayor	N/A	Four years	No

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Connecticut Lottery Corporation (CLC) (CGS § 12-802)	13 Governor selects chairperson	6	5	OPM secretary	State treasurer	N/A	Serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority but no longer than the appointing authority's term of office or until the member's successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer	Gubernatorial appointees only (both chambers)
Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) (CGS § 15-120bb)	11 Governor selects chairperson	4	4	DECD commissioner DOT commissioner	State treasurer	N/A	Four years	Both chambers

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Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange (Doing business as Access Health CT) (CGS § 38a-1081)	14 (11 voting, three non-voting) Governor selects chairperson	6	2	OPM secretary Department of Social Services commissioner State healthcare advocate	N/A	Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services commissioner Department of Public Health commissioner Insurance commissioner	Four years	No
Connecticut Green Bank (CGS §16-245n, as amended by PA 21-115, § 21)	13 (12 voting, one non-voting) Governor selects chairperson	4	4	OPM secretary DECD commissioner Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) commissioner	State treasurer	Green Bank president	Four years	No

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Connecticut Port Authority (CPA) <i>(CGS § 15-31a, as amended by PA 21-179)</i>	21 Board members elect chairperson	6	7	OPM secretary DECD commissioner DEEP commissioner DOT commissioner	State treasurer Chief elected officials of Bridgeport, New Haven, and New London	N/A	Four years	Both chambers
State Education Resource Center (SERC) <i>(CGS § 10-357a)</i>	13 Governor selects chairperson	6	4	Education commissioner	Two appointments by the State Board of Education (SBE)	N/A	Serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority (SBE appointees serve at pleasure of the governor) but no longer than the appointing authority's term of office or until the member's successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer	Gubernatorial and SBE appointees only (both chambers) (The governor's chairperson selection is also subject to confirmation by both chambers)

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Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Authority (CGS § 31-49f)	15 (13 voting and two non-voting) Governor selects chairperson	6	3	OPM secretary Department of Administrative Services commissioner DECD commissioner Labor commissioner	N/A	State treasurer State comptroller	Three years	No
Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment Authority (MRDA) (CGS § 8-169ii)	13 Governor selects chairperson	6	2	OPM secretary DECD commissioner DOH commissioner DOT commissioner Labor commissioner	N/A	N/A	Four years	No

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