

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated
Minutes – Special Meeting
Wednesday, February 8, 2012

A special meeting of the **Board of Directors of Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated** (the “Board”) was held on February 8, 2012 at the Office of Connecticut Innovations, Inc., 865 Brook Street, Rocky Hill, CT.

1. **Call to Order:** Noting the presence of a quorum, Catherine Smith called the special Board meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Participating: Mun Choi (by phone); Daniel Esty, Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection; Lou George (by phone); Alan Greene (by phone); Drew Harris (by phone); Carol Muradian (by phone); John Olsen (by phone); Paul Pescatello (by phone); Rafael Santiago; George Schiele (by phone); and Catherine Smith, Chairperson of CI and Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development.

Absent: Karen Buffkin representing the Office of Policy and Management; Robert Kennedy, Board of Regents of Higher Education; and Stephen Nocera.

Staff Attending: George Bellas, Heidi Bieber, Peter Longo, Shelly Mondo, and Emily Smith.

Others Attending: Scott Murphy, Shipman & Goodwin.

2. **Executive Session:**

Ms. Smith asked the Board members to consider going into executive session to discuss a personnel matter regarding the appointment of a Chief Executive Officer.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Esty, seconded by Mr. Santiago, the Board voted unanimously in favor of going into executive session at 9:05 a.m. to discuss a personnel matter regarding the appointment of a Chief Executive Officer.

The executive session ended at 9:20 a.m., and the special meeting was immediately reconvened.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Esty, seconded by Mr. Santiago, the Board voted unanimously in favor of appointing Claire Leonardi as Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of Connecticut Innovations effective March 1, 2012.

3. **Date of Next Board Meeting:** March 26, 2012.

4. **Adjournment:** Upon a motion made by Mr. Esty, seconded by Mr. Olsen, the Board voted unanimously in favor of adjourning the February 8, 2012 meeting at 9:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Smith
Chairperson of CI