The meeting was called to order by CSI Director Sean McCullough, at 1:03 pm. Director McCullough began by thanking the members in attendance.

Members Present:

- Scott Schutt
- Bill Bishop
- Greg Simpson
- Mike Kahoe
- Tyeis Baker-Baumann

Director McCullough then introduced Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted to give an overview of the status of Ohio’s Regulatory world. Mr. Husted began by giving an overview of hardships faced by the state from the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, and the economic recovery that has followed. Mr. Husted highlighted the low unemployment, and welfare recipient rate of Ohioans, and the strong labor opportunities in the state. Mr. Husted credited this economic revival with the steps taken by Ohio to make it a business friendly, and worker friendly state by highlighting the importance of business growth, and its benefits to workers. The Lieutenant Governor then went on to stress the importance of SBAC members input as members of the business community, to help CSI combat undue regulatory burdens. As an example, the LG highlighted recent rule form the Department of education that neglected to adopt CSI recommendations and was eventually invalidated by the legislative Joint Commission on Agency Rule Review for the first time in 25 years. Mr. Husted used this example to highlight the importance of perspective given by SBAC members, and their ability to encourage regulatory change through identifying undue burdens as a result of regulations.

Mr. Husted then fielded questions from the council members, thanked them for their time, and exited.

Director McCullough went on to introduce Carrie Kuruc, Deputy Director of Innovate Ohio, to give a year in review of Innovate Ohio’s Work. Ms. Kuruc shared her excitement in presenting to the Council, and recounted her experience as the former Director of the Common Sense Initiative. Mrs. Kuruc gave an overview of Innovate Ohio’s role to advance Ohio as a technological and entrepreneurial state. Discussing her offices efforts to expand broadband
access to Ohioans, broaden telehealth access, provide support to the Ohio Means Jobs Platform, the introductions of autonomous BMV service kiosks, and working towards codifying data privacy measures. Mrs. Kuruc then fielded questions from the Council members.

Director McCullough then thanked Mrs. Kuruc and introduced Rachel Johansson, Deputy Director of the Governor’s office of Workforce Transformation.

Ms. Johansson introduced herself, and the work of her office, highlighting the importance and challenges of workforce development in Ohio. Ms. Johansson touched on the successes of the tech-cred program. Specifically, how that the program exceeded its goal of issuing 10,000 credentials annually, with a new goal of 20,000 credentials. Ms. Johansson also touched on the IMAP credentialing program for unemployed Ohioans. Further programs highlighted by Ms. Johansson included the Industry Sector Partnership program, and the Broadband Workforce Strategy to ensure a workforce exists to create and maintain broadband infrastructure. Ms. Johansson then took questions regarding the Broadband Workforce Strategy and thanked the Council for their time.

Mr. McCullough then received approval from the Council on the last SBAC meeting minutes.

Director McCullough then gave an overview of CSI’s work for the year. Mr. McCullough started with a brief overview of the CSI process. Additionally, Director McCullough spoke on recommendations made by the Common Sense Initiative throughout the year, aggressively seeking adverse regulations through the RegExplorer tool introduced by CSI, and the ombudsman role of CSI. Mr. McCullough also gave a by the numbers overview of the rules reviewed by CSI and effected by the rule review process. Highlighted rules effected by the CSI process include regulations of CPA examination requirements, and those that included outdated modes of communication identified by the RegExplorer tool.

Following the Overview of CSI’s year, CSI staff gave specific examples of rule packages that have been affected by the CSI review process throughout the year. Ethan Wittkorn cited examples from the Department of Agriculture; Joe Baker Highlighted rule examples of the Public Utilities Commission and Department of Insurance; and Jacob Ritzenthaler highlighted rules from the State Board of Career Colleges and Schools.

Director McCullough then fielded questions from the Council Members and closed the meeting at 2:27 pm.