

# **MASTER MUNICIPAL CLERK ACADEMY SCHOOL FOR CONNECTICUT TOWN CLERKS**

**Presented by:  
Connecticut Town Clerks Association &  
Center for Public Policy & Social Research  
at Central Connecticut State University**

**Tuesday, May 11  
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**  
(Registration, coffee/pastry at 8:00 a.m.; lunch at 12 noon)

## **The State Budget Process for Town Clerks**

**Professor William R. Dyson  
Chairholder, O'Neill Endowed Chair at CCSU**

*How does Connecticut's state budget become law? How can Connecticut's Town Clerks make themselves heard effectively throughout that process?*

In this session, Professor William R. Dyson will share his expert knowledge of how to understand and navigate the budget-writing process and the politics of legislative advocacy, as directly applied to the experiences and needs of Connecticut's Town Clerks. Class Topics will include analysis of the key players in the process, making sense of the budget document, the importance of timing and deadlines, and the most effective methods of advocating for Clerks' budget needs. Prepare to learn from someone who's been on the inside!

Professor William R. Dyson has a long and distinguished record of public service, having served in the Connecticut House of Representatives for thirty-two years, including a long tenure as House Chair of the Appropriations Committee. In 2009 Mr. Dyson succeeded the late, former Governor William A. O'Neill as the Chairholder of CCSU's O'Neill Endowed Chair in Public Policy and Practical Politics.

Awarded his BA from Morris College, and a Masters in Urban Studies and a Sixth Year degree from Southern Connecticut State University, Mr. Dyson is a life-long public school teacher and administrator, having served in the New Haven Public School System for 36 years. Mr. Dyson now teaches in CCSU's political science department, and is working with other CCSU departments and schools in multidisciplinary collaborations.

- *\*Completion of this session awards 6 hours or 3 MMC points, and CT Advanced Academy*

**Location:**  
**Connecticut Room in Memorial Hall**  
**Central Connecticut State University**