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STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION LEGAL AND PERSONNEL SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING

DATE: September 7, 2022

PRESENT:

Chairman Peter Adomeit

Trustee Michael Carey

Trustee Robert Coffey

Trustee Michael O'Brien

Commission Counsel Michael Rose (Rose Kallor, LLP)

Commission Counsel Cindy Cieslak (Rose Kallor, LLP)

Commission Tax Counsel Bruce Barth (Robinson & Cole LLP)

Commission Tax Counsel Elizabeth Doyon (Robinson & Cole LLP)

John Herrington, Retirement Services Division Director

Yamuna Menon, General Counsel/Assistant State Comptroller, Office of the State Comptroller/

Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division Assistant Director

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:46 a.m. Those present were identified by Attorney Cieslak.

At 8:47 a.m., Mr. Coffey moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to approve the agenda. All voted in favor.

Executive Session – discussion and possible recommendation

1. Ronald Johnson v. SERC – pending litigation.
2. Cathy Wilson request for voluntary early retirement – written legal opinion.
3. Cynthia Dabbs-Lindenberger petition for declaratory ruling – written legal opinion.
4. FOI appeal by Attorney Russell Zimmerlin – pending claim/pending litigation.

At 8:47 a.m., Mr. Coffey moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to suspend the regular meeting and go into executive session for the purposes of discussing Items 1-4. Bruce Barth, Cindy Cieslak, Elizabeth Doyon, Robert Helfand, John Herrington, Yamuna Menon, and Michael Rose were

invited by the Subcommittee to stay for executive session. The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote. The Subcommittee voted unanimously in favor to enter executive session to discuss Items 1-4.

At 9:26 a.m., Mr. Coffey moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, to exit executive session. All voted in favor.

Public Session

At 9:26 a.m., Mr. Coffey moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to recommend that the Commission approve the request of Cathy Wilson based upon the fact that the matter contains extraordinary circumstances where information was requested and not addressed properly, which is unique to Ms. Wilson, and further, this decision shall not serve as precedent, and any other similar requests should be looked at on their individual facts, because it is not the Commission's ordinary practice to permit individuals to change their type of retirement. All voted in favor.

At 9:29 a.m., Mr. Coffey moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to recommend to the Commission that it issue a declaratory ruling in the Dabbs-Lindenberger matter. All voted in favor.

No old business was discussed.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before the Subcommittee, at 9:30 a.m., Mr. Coffey moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, to adjourn. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Coffey