

STATE EMPLOYEES  
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*for* DISABILITY RETIREMENT



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Meeting of the Legal & Personnel Subcommittee of the State  
Employees Retirement Commission

DATE: April 12, 2023

PRESENT:

Chairman Peter Adomeit

Trustee Michael Carey

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 Gupta (Robinson & Cole LLP)

John Herrington, Retirement Services Division Director

Robert Helfand, Retirement Services Division Assistant Director

Yamuna Menon, General Counsel and Assistant Comptroller

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. Those present were identified by Ms. Cieslak.

At 8:35 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, to approve the agenda. All voted in favor.

At 8:36 a.m., Mr. Herrington provided an update regarding the CMERS summary plan descriptions.

**Executive Session – discussion and possible recommendation**

1. Cynthia Dabbs-Lindenberger – written legal opinion.
2. Groton Housing Authority CMERS participation – written legal opinion.
3. Linda Savitsky appeal – written legal opinion.
4. Jacqueline Lawrence request for reconsideration – written legal opinion.
5. Gayle Weinstein appeal – written legal opinion.
6. SERC v. Town of Ellington - pending litigation.
7. Linda Cicarella v. SERC - pending litigation.
8. David J. Dunn v. William Tong et al. - pending litigation.
9. FOI appeal by Attorney Russell Zimberlin - pending claim/pending litigation.

At 8:37 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, to suspend the regular meeting and go into executive session for the purposes of discussing Items 1-9. Bruce Barth, Cindy Cieslak,

Elizabeth Gupta, Robert Helfand, John Herrington, Yamuna Menon, and Michael Rose were invited by the Subcommittee to stay for executive session for all items. 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 1-9.

At 9:43 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, to exit executive session. All voted in favor.

### **Public Session**

At 9:43 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Commission that it deny Ms. Lawrence's request for reconsideration. All voted in favor.

At 9:44 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, that the Subcommittee recommend to the Commission that it grant Ms. Weinstein's request, limited to the specific facts of this matter and without setting any precedent. All voted in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before the Subcommittee, at 9:44 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien to adjourn. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Carey