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

DATE: October 7, 2020

PRESENT:

Chairman Peter Adomeit
Trustee Michael Carey
Trustee Robert Coffey
Trustee Sal Luciano
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 Alisha Sullivan (Robinson & Cole LLP)
John Herrington, Retirement Services Division Director

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

At 8:41 a.m., Mr. Coffey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to approve the agenda. All voted in favor.

At 8:42 a.m., Mr. Coffey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey, to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the Items 1-10 on the agenda for executive session. All voted in favor. Bruce Barth, Michael Rose, Cindy Cieslak & John Herrington were invited into executive session for the purposes of discussing all items. Alisha Sullivan was invited into executive session for the purpose of discussing Item 1-5. Ms. Sullivan exited the meeting at 9:08 a.m. Mr. Luciano joined the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Executive Session – discussion and possible recommendation

1. VCP Status Update – written legal opinion.
2. Francine Dew request for prior service in ARP be added to her SERS Tier II service for retirement purposes – written legal opinion.
3. Hartford Housing Authority – written legal opinion.
4. Ralph Tedesco v. SERC – pending litigation.
5. Ronald Johnson v. SERC – pending claim/litigation.
6. Marianna Grzeszczyk v. SERC – pending litigation/pending claim/written legal opinion.
7. Patricia Shannon request for reconsideration – written legal opinion.
8. Scott Barton request for reconsideration – written legal opinion.
9. Catherine Crandle v. SERC – pending litigation.
10. Brian Comerford v. SERC – pending litigation.

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

At 9:26 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to recommend that the Commission grant Ms. Dew's request for her prior service in ARP to be added to her SERS Tier II service based on the specific facts of this matter, and that the purchase price would be based on the full actuarial value. There was discussion in executive session.

At 9:28 a.m. Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the Item 2 on the agenda for executive session. All voted in favor. Bruce Barth, Michael Rose, Cindy Cieslak & John Herrington were invited into executive session.

At 9:38 a.m., Mr. Coffey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey to exit executive session. All voted in favor.

The Chairman called for a vote on the pending motion regarding Ms. Dew's request. All voted in favor.

At 9:39 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to recommend that the Commission grant reconsideration of Ms. Shannon's request based on the new information available. There was discussion regarding whether Ms. Shannon's informal hearing would be held before the Commission or the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee discussed that the Commission will be able to make that determination when it reviews this recommendation. All voted in favor.

At 9:43 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to recommend that the Commission deny Mr. Barton's request for reconsideration based on there being no new information presented on this matter. All voted in favor.

Mr. Rose exited the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

At 9: 45 a.m., Chairman Adomeit called for old business. No old business was discussed.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before the Subcommittee, at 9:45 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey, to adjourn. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Coffey