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

DATE: February 10, 2021

PRESENT:

Chairman Peter Adomeit

Trustee Michael Carey

Trustee Robert Coffey

Commission Counsel Michael Rose (Rose Kallor, LLP)

Commission Counsel Cindy Cieslak (Rose Kallor, LLP)

Commission Tax Counsel Alisha Sullivan (Robinson & Cole LLP)

John Herrington, Retirement Services Division Director

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m. Those present were identified.

At 8:39 a.m., Mr. Coffey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey, to approve the agenda. All voted in favor.

At 8:40 a.m., Mr. Adomeit called for New Business.

At 8:40 a.m., Mr. Coffey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey, to enter executive session for the purposes of discussing Items 1-11. All voted in favor. Michael Rose, Cindy Cieslak, & John Herrington were invited into executive session for purposes of discussing Items 1-11. Alisha Sullivan was invited into Executive Session for purposes of discussing Items 1-3. Alisha Sullivan exited the meeting at 9:05a.m.

Executive Session – discussion and possible recommendation

1. Hartford Housing Authority – written legal opinion.
2. Ronald Johnson v. SERC – pending claim/pending litigation.
3. West Hartford inquiry re: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 7-438(a) – written legal opinion.
4. Patricia Shannon – written legal opinion.

5. SERC Administrative Procedures Manual – written legal opinion.
6. Jessica Marquez appeal – written legal opinion.
7. Tina Williams-Knight request for reconsideration – written legal opinion.
8. Ralph Tedesco v. SERC – pending litigation.
9. Thomas Giarratona v. CMERS – pending litigation.
10. Catherine Crandle v. SERC – pending litigation.
11. Marianna Grzeszczyk v. SERC – pending litigation.

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

At 9:43 a.m., Mr. Coffey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey, to recommend that the Commission grant Ms. Williams-Knight's reconsideration request and schedule a hearing to determine if Ms. Williams-Knight has shown that extraordinary circumstances prevented her from timely seeking reconsideration of the MEB's decision. All voted in favor.

At 9:45 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey, to recommend to the Commission that Ms. Marquez's continued entitlement review proceed and not grant a hearing before the Commission at this time. All voted in favor.

At 9:45 a.m., Mr. Coffey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey, to recommend to the Commission that it set Ms. Shannon's retirement date effective the first of the month after age 55 consistent with her application. All voted in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before the Subcommittee, at 9:47 a.m., Mr. Coffey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey, to adjourn. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Coffey