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

DATE: March 11, 2020

PRESENT:

Chairman Peter Adomeit

Trustee Charles Casella

Trustee Robert Coffey

Trustee Michael Carey

Commission Counsel Cindy Cieslak (Rose Kallor, LLP)

Commission Tax Counsel Bruce Barth (Robinson & Cole LLP))

John Herrington, Retirement Services Division Director

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

At 8:35 a.m., Robert Coffey moved, seconded by Charles Casella to amend the agenda to include “Rizzio petition for declaratory ruling” and “Thomas Roberts” to the Executive Session agenda as items 12 and 13, respectively, with accompanying written legal opinions. All voted in favor.

At 8:36 a.m., Robert Coffey moved, seconded by Charles Casella to amend the agenda to include “Legislative update re: pending legislation involving SERS and CMERS” under New Business. All voted in favor.

At 8:36 a.m., Robert Coffey moved, seconded by Charles Casella to approve the agenda as amended. All voted in favor.

At 8:37 a.m., Chairman Adomeit called for new business. John Herrington provided a summary of the legislative proposals that would impact SERS and CMERS. There was discussion. Mr. Casella suggested that the Division advise OLR that some of the proposed legislation regarding CMERS might conflict with provisions of the Internal Revenue Code with which the CMERS must comply.

At 8:57 a.m., Charles Casella moved, seconded by Robert Coffey, to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing Items 1-13 on the agenda for executive session. All voted in favor. Cindy Cieslak and John Herrington were invited into executive session for the purposes of

discussing all items. Bruce Barth was invited into executive session for purposes of discussing Items 1-5. Bruce Barth exited the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

Executive Session – discussion and possible recommendation

1. VCP status update -written legal opinion
2. David Carter/Richard Kay v. SERC – pending litigation.
3. Hartford Housing Authority – written legal opinion.
4. Ronald Johnson v. SERC – pending litigation.
5. Town of Thompson v. SERC – pending litigation.
6. Andrew Munson request for reconsideration – written legal opinion.
7. David Gulick appeal – written legal opinion.
8. New London Police & Fire Survivors Benefit Fund – written legal opinion.
9. Catherine Crandle v. SERC – pending litigation.
10. Brian Comerford v. SERC – pending litigation.
11. Marianna Grzeszczyk v. SERC – pending litigation.
12. Rizzio petition for declaratory ruling – written legal opinion.
13. Thomas Roberts – written legal opinion.

At 10:53 a.m., Robert Coffey moved, seconded by Charles Casella to come out of executive session. All voted in favor.

At 10:53 a.m., the Chairman called for Old Business. No old business was discussed.

At 10:54 a.m., Robert Coffey moved, seconded by Michael Carey to recommend to the Commission that it grant the request for reconsideration made by Andrew Munson. All voted in favor.

At 10:55 a.m., Robert Coffey moved, seconded by Charles Casella to recommend to the Commission that it grant Mr. Rizzio's request for reconsideration. All voted in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before the Subcommittee, at 10:55 a.m., Robert Coffey moved, seconded by Charles Casella, to adjourn. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Coffey