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

DATE: November 12, 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 2:03 p.m.

At 2:03 p.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey to approve the agenda. All voted in favor.

At 2:04 p.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey, to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the Items 1-9 on the agenda for executive session. All voted in favor. Michael Rose, Cindy Cieslak, and John Herrington were invited into executive session for the purposes of discussing all items. Bruce Barth & Alisha Sullivan was invited into executive session for the purpose of discussing Item 1-3. Mr. Barth and Ms. Sullivan exited the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

Executive Session – discussion and possible recommendation

1. Summary Plan Description update – written legal opinion.
2. Hartford Housing Authority – written legal opinion.
3. Ronald Johnson v. SERC – pending claim/litigation.

4. Ralph Tedesco v. SERC – pending litigation.
5. Riju Das request for reconsideration – written legal opinion.
6. MEB meetings – update – written legal opinion.
7. Marianna Grzeszczyk v. SERC – pending claim/pending litigation/written legal opinion.
8. Catherine Crandle v. SERC – pending litigation.
9. Brian Comerford v. SERC – pending litigation.

At 2:45 p.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey to exit executive session. All voted in favor.

At 2:45 p.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey that the Subcommittee recommend that the Commission deny the request of Mr. Das for reconsideration. There was a brief discussion concerning Mr. Das's right to file a petition for declaratory ruling. All voted in favor.

At 2:46 p.m., Chairman Adomeit called for old business. No old business was discussed.

Mr. Luciano advised the Subcommittee that he has contacted CSEA regarding the appointment of a trustee to the Commission and he is awaiting CSEA's response.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before the Subcommittee, at 2:47 p.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey, to adjourn. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Coffey