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

DATE: March 10, 2021

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 8:39 a.m. Those present were identified.

At 8:40 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey, to amend the agenda to discuss in executive session the legal memo received from counsel regarding the West Hartford inquiry concerning the CMERS reemployment statute. All voted in favor.

At 8:40 a.m., Mr. Coffey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey, to amend the agenda to include Town inquiry regarding CMERS. All voted in favor.

At 8:41 a.m., Mr. Coffey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey, to amend the agenda to include Division inquiry regarding electronic signatures. All voted in favor.

At 8:42 a.m., Mr. Coffey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey, to amend the agenda to remove the item for Douglas Latham's appeal. All voted in favor.

At 8:42 a.m., Mr. Coffey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey, to approve the agenda as amended. All voted in favor.

At 8:43 a.m., Mr. Adomeit called for New Business.

At 8:43 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey, to enter executive session for the purposes of discussing Items 1-10. All voted in favor. Michael Rose, Cindy Cieslak, & John Herrington were invited into executive session for purposes of discussing Items 1-10. Bruce

Barth and Alisha Sullivan were invited into Executive Session and remained for the purposes of discussing Items 1-4. Sal Luciano joined the meeting at 8:57 a.m. Bruce Barth and Alisha Sullivan exited the meeting at 9:18a.m. Michael Rose exited the meeting at approximately 9:40 a.m.

Executive Session – discussion and possible recommendation (as amended)

1. West Hartford inquiry re: Conn. Gen. Stat. § 7-438(a) – written legal opinion.
2. Ronald Johnson v. SERC – pending claim/pending litigation.
3. Town inquiry re: CMERS – written legal opinion.
4. Division Inquiry re: Electronic Signatures – written legal opinion.
5. Mylinh Le-Jones petition for declaratory ruling – written legal opinion.
6. Ralph Tedesco v. SERC – pending litigation.
7. Jessica Marquez request for reconsideration – written legal opinion.
8. Thomas Giarratona v. CMERS – pending litigation.
9. Catherine Crandle v. SERC – pending litigation.
10. Marianna Grzeszczyk v. SERC – pending litigation.

At 9:56 a.m., Mr. Coffey moved, seconded by Mr. Carey, to exit executive session. All voted in favor.

At 9:56 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Coffey, to recommend that the Commission decline Ms. Le-Jones's request for a declaratory ruling and instruct the Division to send the matter to the Medical Examining Board for its review. All voted in favor.

At 9:57 a.m., Mr. Coffey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano, to recommend that the Commission permit the Division to accept electronic signatures on retirement forms with the exception of the spousal waiver form, which must be signed and witnessed in person. All voted in favor.

At 9:58 a.m., Mr. Coffey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano, to recommend that the Commission deny Ms. Marquez's request for reconsideration. All voted in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: With no further business before the Subcommittee, at 9:59 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey, to adjourn. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Coffey