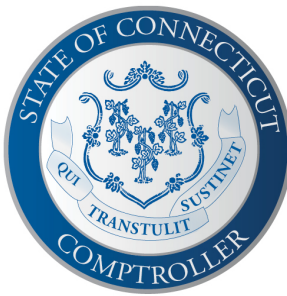


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A regular meeting of the State Employees Retirement Commission (the "Commission") was held on December 15, 2022 in the 3rd Floor Conference Room at 165 Capitol Ave. Hartford, CT; however, due to COVID-19, the meeting was held electronically via Zoom. The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. and the following members of the Commission were present:

- Peter Adomeit, Chairman
- Michael Bailey, Trustee
- Michael Carey, Trustee
- Martha Carlson, Deputy Comptroller, Ex Officio Member
- Carl Chisem, Trustee
- Robert D. Coffey, Trustee
- John Disette, Trustee
- John Flores, General Counsel Office of the Treasurer, Ex Officio Member
- David Kraveski, Trustee
- Sal Luciano, Trustee
- Karen Nolen, Trustee
- Michael O'Brien, Trustee
- Claude Poulin, Trustee
- Angel Quiros, Trustee
- Timothy Ryor, Trustee
- Mark Sciota, Municipal Liaison
- Rebecca Simonsen, Trustee

Absent

- Karen Buffkin, Trustee
- Angel Quiros, Trustee

Also present were:

- Bruce Barth, Tax Counsel to the Commission, Robinson & Cole
- Cindy Cieslak, General Counsel to the Commission, Rose Kallor
- Tara Downes, Assistant Comptroller
- Robert Helfand, Assistant Director, Retirement Services Division
- John Herrington, Director, Retirement Services Division
- Yamuna Menon, General Counsel/Assistant State Comptroller, Office of the State Comptroller
- Colin Newman, Retirement Services Division
- Michael Rose, General Counsel to the Commission, Rose Kallor

Call to Order

Chairman Adomeit called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. Ms. Cieslak identified those in attendance.

At 9:08 a.m., Mr. Poulin moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to amend the agenda to add the following two items as Items 20 and 21, respectively.

- Request Commission Acceptance of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Report of the Actuary on the Valuation Prepared as of June 30, 2022
- Request Commission Acceptance of the Connecticut Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commissioners Retirement System Report of the Actuary on the Valuation Prepared as of June 30, 2022



All voted in favor.

Chairman's Report

At 9:09 a.m., the Chairman provided his report. The Chairman commended the work of Ms. Carlson, Mr. Herrington, and the Retirement Services Division.

At 9:10 a.m., Ms. Carlson commented on the incoming Comptroller. She also announced her retirement effective February 1, 2023. Ms. Carlson reported that Tara Downes will be appointed Deputy Comptroller.

At 9:13 a.m., Mr. Flores also announced his anticipated retirement.

Division Director's Report

At 9:14 a.m., Mr. Herrington provided the Division Director's Report.

Division Director Report (12/15/2022)

I. Disability Retirements:

A. Pending Disability Applications for the Initial Review by the Medical Examining Board: Currently the Disability Retirement Unit is scheduling into March 2023.

- There are 96 Disability Retirement Applications pending of which:
 - o 13 New applications received for December 2022
 - o 76 Applications have been scheduled for MEB meetings through March 2023
 - o 20 Applications are awaiting review and scheduling by Unit

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
2022	76	89	90	111	120	127	146	149	149	129	122	96
2021	114	107	103	117	125	90	89	85	77	79	99	71

B. Twenty-Four Month Reviews: Currently the Disability Retirement Unit is scheduling into March 2023.

- 43 Cases are Scheduled to go before the MEB in January February and March
- 0 Cases are Overdue
- 29 Cases are Tabled
- 6 Case Seeking Reconsideration
- 132 Cases are Awaiting Due Date for 24-Month Review

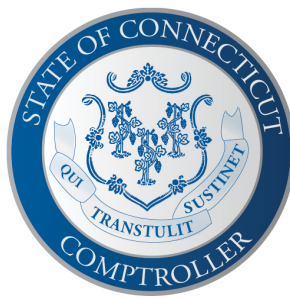
II. Normal Retirement Audits:

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
2022	356	268	337	1,137	277	723	1,436	46	52	101	50	30	4,813
2021	243	192	124	337	152	244	291	213	234	331	159	136	2,656
10-Yr. Avg.	179	153	129	255	128	205	262	177	180	248	116	98	2,130

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New Matters

1. Request Commission Approval of the November 17, 2022 minutes.
 - i. At 9:17 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the November 17, 2022 minutes.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the November 17, 2022 minutes.
2. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses.
 - i. At 9:17 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Chairman's Per Diem Expenses.
3. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement.
 - i. At 9:18 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement.
 - ii. Mr. Poulin abstained.
 - iii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iv. The Commission voted unanimously in favor, with Mr. Poulin abstaining, to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Union Trustee Claude Poulin's Per Diem and Travel Expenses Reimbursement.
4. Request Commission Approval of the State Employees Retirement Commission Management Trustee Timothy A. Ryor's Per Diem Expenses.
 - i. At 9:18 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Management Trustee Timothy A. Ryor's Per Diem Expenses.
 - ii. Mr. Ryor abstained.
 - iii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iv. The Commission voted unanimously in favor, with Mr. Ryor abstaining, to approve the State Employees Retirement Commission Management Trustee Timothy A. Ryor's Per Diem Expenses.
5. Request Commission Acceptance of the Invoices from Rose Kallor rendered for the month of November 2022.
 - i. At 9:19 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the invoices from Rose Kallor rendered for the month of November 2022.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the invoices from Rose Kallor rendered for the month of November 2022.
6. Request Commission Acceptance of the Invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matters rendered for the month of November 2022.
 - i. At 9:19 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matters rendered for the month of November 2022.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the invoices from Robinson and Cole for Federal Tax Matters rendered for the month of November 2022.
7. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for the Month of November 2022.
 - i. At 9:19 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for the Month of November 2022.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.

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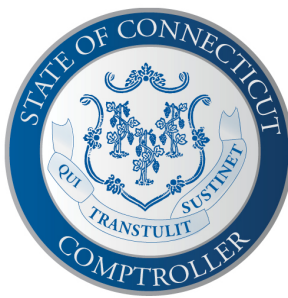
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- iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Service Retirements for the Month of November 2022.
8. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Pre-Retirement Death Benefits for the Month of November 2022.
 - i. At 9:19 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Pre-Retirement Death Benefits for the Month of November 2022.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Pre-Retirement Death Benefits for the Month of November 2022.
9. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees System Voluntary Pending Retirements for the Month of November 2022.
 - i. At 9:20 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees System Voluntary Pending Retirements for the Month of November 2022.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut State Employees System Voluntary Pending Retirements for the Month of November 2022.
10. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees System Disability Retirements for the Month of November 2022.
 - i. At 9:20 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees System Disability Retirements for the Month of November 2022.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut State Employees System Disability Retirements for the Month of November 2022.
11. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Municipal Employees Retirements for the Month of November 2022.
 - i. At 9:20 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Municipal Employees Retirements for the Month of November 2022.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Municipal Employees Retirements for the Month of November 2022.
12. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Retroactive Retirements for the month of November 2022.
 - i. At 9:20 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano approve Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Retroactive Retirements for the month of November 2022.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Retroactive Retirements for the month of November 2022.
13. Request Commission Approval of the Municipal Employees Retirement System Disability Retirement Approvals.
 - i. At 9:21 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Municipal Employees Retirement System disability retirement approvals.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Municipal Employees Retirement System disability retirement approvals.
14. Request Commission Approval of the Municipal Employees Retirement System Disability Retirement Denials.

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- i. At 9:21 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Municipal Employees Retirement System disability retirement denials.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Municipal Employees Retirement System disability retirement denials.

15. Request Commission Acceptance of the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for the Continued Entitlement Approvals.
 - i. At 9:21 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for the continued entitlement approvals.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for the continued entitlement approvals.

16. Request Commission Acceptance of the Recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for the Continued Entitlement Tabled and Denials.
 - i. At 9:22 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for the continued entitlement tabled and denials.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the recommendations by the Medical Examining Board for the continued entitlement tabled and denials.

17. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut Probate Judges and Employees Retirement System.
 - i. At 9:22 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut Probate Judges and Employees Retirement System.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut Probate Judges and Employees Retirement System.

18. Request Commission Approval of the Probate Judges and Employees Retirement Fund Personnel Expenses for the Pay Period October 2022 through November 2022.
 - i. At 9:22 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Probate Judges and Employees Retirement Fund Personnel Expenses for the Pay Period October 2022 through November 2022.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Probate Judges and Employees Retirement Fund Personnel Expenses for the Pay Period October 2022 through November 2022.

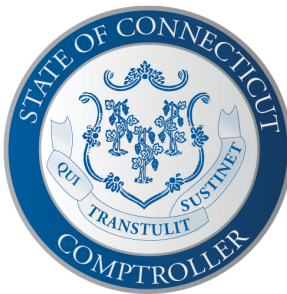
19. Request Commission Approval of the Connecticut Judges, Family Support Magistrates and Compensation Commissioners Retirement System.
 - i. At 9:23 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to approve the Connecticut Judges, Family Support Magistrates and Compensation Commissioners Retirement System.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to approve the Connecticut Judges, Family Support Magistrates and Compensation Commissioners Retirement System.

20. Request Commission Acceptance of the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Report of the Actuary on the Valuation Prepared as of June 30, 2022.
 - i. At 9:23 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Report of the Actuary on the Valuation Prepared as of June 30, 2022.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.

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- iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the Connecticut State Employees Retirement System Report of the Actuary on the Valuation Prepared as of June 30, 2022.
21. Request Commission Acceptance of the Connecticut Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commissioners Retirement System Report of the Actuary on the Valuation Prepared as of June 30, 2022.
 - i. At 9:24 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to accept the Connecticut Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commissioners Retirement System Report of the Actuary on the Valuation Prepared as of June 30, 2022.
 - ii. Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote.
 - iii. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to accept the Connecticut Judges, Family Support Magistrates, and Compensation Commissioners Retirement System Report of the Actuary on the Valuation Prepared as of June 30, 2022.

Executive Session – discussion and possible action

1. Linda Cicarella petition for declaratory ruling – written legal opinion & exhibits.
2. Priscilla Dickman petition for declaratory ruling – written legal opinion.
3. Town of Ellington CMERS participation – written legal opinion.
4. FOI appeal by Attorney Russell Zimmerlin – pending claim/pending litigation.

At 9:24 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to suspend the regular meeting and go into executive session for the purposes of discussing Items 1-4. Bruce Barth, Cindy Cieslak, Tara Downes, Robert Helfand, John Herrington, Yamuna Menon, Colin Newman, and Michael Rose were invited by the Commission to stay for executive session. The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote. The Commission voted unanimously in favor to enter executive session to discuss Items 1-4.

At 10:11 a.m., Mr. Bailey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano to exit executive session. The Chairman asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion he called for a vote. The Commission voted unanimously to exit executive session.

Public Session

At 10:12 a.m., Mr. Carey moved, seconded by Mr. Luciano that, with respect to Ms. Cicarella, the Commission accept the draft declaratory ruling as amended in executive session and have the declaratory ruling issued accordingly. All voted in favor.

At 10:12 a.m., Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Carey that, with respect to Ms. Dickman, the Commission accede to her request. All voted in favor.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Commission, Mr. Luciano moved, seconded by Mr. Bailey to adjourn at 10:13 a.m. The Commission voted unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted by:

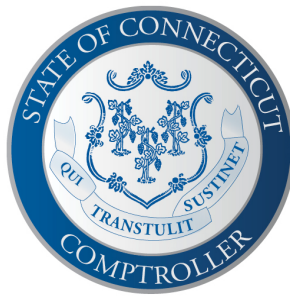
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