

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT COMMISSION MEETING

FEBRUARY 18, 2021 MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
CONVENED AT and9:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

Peter Adomeit, Chairman
Janet Andrews, Trustee Ex Officio Member
Michael Bailey, Trustee
Sandra Fae Brown Brewton, Trustee
Karen Buffkin, Trustee
Michael Carey, Trustee
Martha Carlson, Deputy Comptroller, Ex Officio Member
Carl Chisem, Trustee
Robert D. Coffey, Trustee
John Flores, General Counsel, Office of the Treasurer,
Ex Officio Member
Paul Fortier, Trustee
Sal Luciano, Trustee
Karen Nolen, Trustee
Claude Poulin, Trustee
Angel Quiros, Trustee
Timothy Ryor, Trustee
Mark Sciota, Municipal Liaison

ALSO PRESENT:

Bruce Barth, Tax Counsel to the Commission, Robinson &
Cole
Cindy Cieslak, General Counsel to the Commission,
Rose Kallor
John Herrington, Director, Retirement Services Division
Michael Rose, General Counsel to the Commission,
Rose Kallor
Alisha Sullivan, Tax Counsel to the Commission,
Robinson & Cole
Russell Zimmerman, Attorney for Jessica Marquez
Jessica Marquez
Ernie Marquez
Court Reporter: Karen Vibert, CSR No. 00064

1 (Proceedings commenced at 9:00 a.m.)

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3 MR. ADOMEIT: I'm calling the meeting to
4 order. This is the February 18, 2021 meeting, held
5 by teleconference, of the Connecticut State
6 Employees Commission.

7 Because we're being recorded, I
8 remind everyone that before you speak, please
9 announce your name.

10 I would like to welcome our guests
11 here today. As you probably know, you are observers
12 only, and you're not here to participate other than
13 to watch what we do.

14 Ms. Cieslak, would you please call
15 off the attendance.

16 MS. CIESLAK: Good morning, everyone. I'm
17 going to do my best with the attendance this
18 morning. We have quite a few people.

19 We have Chairman Peter Adomeit,
20 Trustee Robert Coffey, Trustee Carl Chisem,
21 Actuarial Trustee Claude Poulin, Trustee
22 Michael Carey, Trustee Mike Bailey, Trustee
23 Sal Luciano, Actuarial Trustee Tim Ryor, Trustee
24 Karen Nolen, Municipal Liaison Mark Sciota, Trustee
25 Karen Buffkin, Trustee Janet Andrews, Trustee

1 Angel Quiros, Trustee Sandra Fae Brown Brewton.

2 We have Deputy Comptroller and Ex
3 Officio member of the Commission Martha Carlson. We
4 have General Counsel to the Treasurer's Office and
5 Ex Officio member to the Commission John Flores. We
6 have Retirement Services Division Director
7 John Herrington. Also present is Tax Counsel
8 Bruce Barth from Robinson & Cole, Alisha Sullivan,
9 Tax Counsel from Robinson & Cole, and I'm
10 Cindy Cieslak, General Counsel from Rose Kallor.

11 Our guests today are Attorney
12 Zimberlin, Ms. Marquez -- Jessica Marquez, and
13 Ernie Marquez.

14 Is there anyone who joined us that I
15 missed?

16 Wonderful. Thank you.

17 MR. ADOMEIT: All right. Thank you very
18 much. We will need a motion to amend the agenda to
19 accept the recommendation of the actuarial
20 subcommittee held yesterday to accept five GASB
21 reports. Claude, do you want to make the motion,
22 please?

23 MR. POULIN: SURE. Mr. Chairman, I move to
24 add after item 14 of the agenda the five following
25 items: Item 15 a is related to the Municipal

1 Employee Retirement System GASB 67 report. Item 16
2 is related to State Employees Retirement System GASB
3 67 report. Item 17 is related to State Employees
4 Retirement System GASB 68 report. Item 18 is related
5 to the judges, family support magistrates and
6 compensation commissioners Retirement System, GASB 67
7 report. And item 19, related to the Judges, Family
8 Support Magistrates and Compensation Commissioners
9 Retirement System GASB 68 report.

10 MR. ADOMEIT: Okay. Thank you. Is there
11 a second, please?

12 MR. BAILEY: Second.

13 MR. ADOMEIT: Any discussion? All in
14 favor say aye. Opposed nay. The ayes have it.
15 Unanimous.

16 Okay. We can move on to the Division
17 Director's report, and then we will hear -- well, go
18 ahead. Let's do the Division Director's report
19 right now.

20 MR. HERRINGTON: Good morning, everyone.
21 Before you you have the Division Director's report
22 for February of 2021. As you can see, we continue
23 to make good progress on our objectives and
24 initiatives for 2021, which our goal is in
25 preparation for the potential surge in 2022, would

1 be to make whatever required technological changes
2 are possible, train staff in order to be able to
3 take on that surge; but, in the meantime also reduce
4 and eliminate our disability backlogs, both in terms
5 of wait times for initial applicants. We want to
6 minimize that time such that individuals that
7 complete a complete package that's -- submit a
8 complete package with all of the required medical
9 documentation can go before The Medical Examining
10 Board, you know, as soon as possible.

11 Our ultimate outlier goal is within
12 six months, ideally, we want to reduce that time
13 down to, you know, somewhere between 60 and 90 days.
14 Right now we are scheduling appointments out until
15 May of 2021, so we are making very good progress on
16 that scheduling effort.

17 With respect to the backlog of
18 unaudited cases, we have eliminated the backlog with
19 the regular retirements and we have focused in
20 earnest on the elimination of the audit -- final
21 audits for the disability. We are making progress
22 there and our goal would be to eliminate that entire
23 backlog by the end of this year for our shift in
24 effort for 2022.

25 With respect to our

1 specific efforts with respect to the 2022
2 population, we're working on our educational effort
3 in terms of messaging the potential changes to the
4 various populations. This is a bit of a struggle in
5 the sense that there are a number of changes that
6 affect a number of populations in different ways.
7 At the end of the day, it's pretty easy to
8 bottom-line the potential effort of the changes;
9 but, to provide the specifics there are many nuances
10 and there's at least four different populations that
11 ideally would get different information; so, we
12 continue to work through that.

13 We also continue to leverage
14 technology to the maximum extent possible in
15 preparation for 2022. So, we continue to roll out
16 our assessment of this tool to the individuals that
17 are eligible to retire in 2022. That's another goal
18 where we plan to have that tool released to the
19 entire population that's eligible to retire prior to
20 2022. We plan to have that all released by the end
21 of this year, maybe January of next year. The idea
22 would be to provide that tool to every individual
23 that's eligible prior to 2022, far in advance of
24 that date so that they can make informed decisions,
25 because it's going to be difficult, if not

1 impossible for us to provide the information to
2 people, you know, one on one, the way that we have
3 in the past. The idea is to leverage technology to
4 the maximum extent possible to assist us with that
5 effort.

6 As part of that effort, we're also
7 screening the underlying data so that the output for
8 the self-service estimator really is only as good as
9 the underlying data. And, as you all know, in
10 calculating these pensions, there are a number of
11 individuals that have very long State careers and
12 their relevant records were stored on different
13 platforms. We are in the process of perfecting the
14 conversion of that data to our existing system and
15 in some cases it's relatively straightforward. For
16 some of the more difficult cases there's manual
17 intervention. So, that's where we continue to focus
18 our efforts.

19 The hope is that not only will this
20 effort assist us in getting the information to the
21 population in advance of 2022; but, hopefully that
22 is definitely going to speed up the audit process
23 when and if some of those individuals actually
24 retire.

25 We are also looking at as many

1 opportunities as possible to cross-train staff so we
2 have division -- we have individual units within the
3 division that are focused on discrete paths. Since
4 we have these kind of global projects we are trying
5 to incorporate individuals from many different units
6 with the idea of building skills so that we have a
7 large reserve of staff that would be available to us
8 if there's this, you know, tsunami of retirements in
9 the summer of 2022.

10 We also are working with the
11 retirement pod to find solutions to assist with the
12 work of the retirement pod. That is another change
13 that has somewhat impacted our operations; whereas,
14 historically, each State employee had the ability to
15 go to one HR representative to answer questions
16 regarding their retirement issues and to complete
17 the retirement paperwork that has been centralized
18 for a large share of the State workforce.

19 So, there are efficiencies to be had
20 there; but, there also are some gaps in terms of the
21 services provided to the individuals. There's also
22 an additional administrative burden for dealing with
23 people that are spread out throughout the state with
24 a team, you know, centralized in Hartford. So we
25 are trying to look to see to what extent we can

1 leverage technology to assist the pod with the work
2 that they need to do remotely. That combined with,
3 you know, the limitations of COVID, there really is
4 a need to kind of modernize the process. We are
5 discussing, you know, options with regard to
6 changing the signature requirements in terms of
7 whether we can rely on electronic signatures,
8 whether we can find alternatives to the witness
9 requirements and notary requirements. Those are
10 changes that would probably impact not just our
11 immediate concern with respect to interacting with
12 the pod; but, long term, you know, beyond that 2022
13 rise in the next phase of our implementation of
14 technology, it would be more efficient, I believe,
15 for the Division, for individuals to interact with
16 the system directly and we may be able to eliminate
17 some of the forms and the paperwork that we have.

18 But, those are our issues that I just
19 wanted to mention now because I think that there
20 obviously are legal implications with respect to
21 relaxing any of those retirements. So that's
22 something I believe that we should discuss, I think
23 first with Legal and Personnel, then the Commission
24 as a whole. I mention it now because I had a
25 meeting with DAS yesterday regarding this issue and

1 that is a topic that they definitely want to start
2 moving on, so I just wanted to present kind of a
3 placeholder so that we can get started on that. At
4 least evaluate our options as soon as possible.

5 That's all I have for my Director's
6 report this month.

7 MR. ADOMEIT: Thank you, John. Does
8 anyone have any questions to John?

9 Hearing none, Marti Carlson.

10 MS. CARLSON: For the record, I'm Deputy
11 Comptroller Martha Carlson.

12 A couple of things. One is that I
13 continue to work with -- and John as well, continue
14 to work with the governor's consultant who is
15 building a recommendation for not only the governor
16 but for the legislature on how to, you know, absorb
17 the retirement surge that we're expecting. Our role
18 in these meetings is pretty much to bear witness to
19 because it's not our consultant; but, my particular
20 goal is to make sure that they don't make any
21 decisions that get thrown over the fence to us that
22 we either think are wrong or that we can't
23 administer, which happens sometimes because folks
24 don't understand the workings of an enterprise
25 system.

1 Secondly, just to tie on to what John
2 said about the DAS pod, that's the HR consolidation
3 that DAS is working through. They have a pod for
4 FMLA and a pod for Workers' Comp. You know, John
5 talked at length about the -- it's had a rocky
6 start, which is not unusual. We're helping them to
7 smooth that out. My concern, quite frankly, is the
8 impact it's had on the members of our State
9 employees, who have forever been used to a personal
10 touch, a physical personal touch, obviously not in a
11 pandemic. When they want to retire, they have
12 unique questions. John's staff is working
13 diligently on trying to eliminate any of the sort of
14 science or math questions they may have; but, they
15 simply have other questions. We're working with
16 the -- again, we're working with the pod to try to
17 figure out how we can help with that, whether it's,
18 you know, video -- video counseling sessions or
19 maybe, you know, Retirement Division calling hours.
20 You know, Public Health taught us a lesson this
21 year. Once a week at noon they have an hour of like
22 five of their experts on a phone call that anyone
23 can call in and ask a quick question.

24 So, we are looking at all of that.
25 We're trying to make sure that we don't get swamped.

1 We're trying to make sure everything is accurate and
2 we're also trying to make sure that it's smooth
3 sailing for those State employees who want to
4 retire, because it's only fair to them.

5 Finally, I need to announce to you
6 that Natalie Braswell is leaving the Comptroller's
7 office. She's been with us for 11 years. She's
8 taken a position at the Department of Energy &
9 Environmental Protection as chief of legal planning
10 and regulatory affairs. Big job. They're lucky to
11 get her. And I know that all of you are very used
12 to seeing her at these meetings. She plays,
13 obviously, a large role in the Retirement Division's
14 work processes; but, I can't begin to tell you the
15 contributions that she's made in every other
16 division and in the executive office for the
17 Comptroller.

18 So, we're really sorry to see her go.
19 At the same time we're really happy for her. Her
20 last day is next Thursday, and clearly, she's not
21 here today because she's trying to put together her
22 9,000-page document letting us know what she's
23 actually leaving us.

24 Then, just as an aside to that, any
25 communications that you have -- that you currently

1 have an interaction with Natalie on, please now
2 focus those to John Herrington and CC me for the
3 time-being we look to, you know, quickly be able to
4 fill that vacancy. Although my guess is that we
5 will not get someone with her broad knowledge of
6 government law as it applies to us.

7 So, that's all I have.

8 MR. ADOMEIT: Okay thank you, Marti. Any
9 questions for Marti? Hearing none, let's move on to
10 new matters. Sal?

11 MR. LUCIANO: Motion to approve the
12 minutes.

13 MR. BAILEY: Second.

14 MR. ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
15 none, all in favor say aye. Opposed nay. The ayes
16 have it.

17 MR. LUCIANO: Motion to approve Item 2.

18 MR. BAILEY: Second.

19 MR. ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
20 none, all in favor say aye. Opposed nay. The ayes
21 have it.

22 MR. LUCIANO: Motion to move Item 3 with
23 Claude abstaining.

24 MR. BAILEY: Second.

25 MR. ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing

1 none, all in favor say aye. Opposed nay. The ayes
2 have it.

3 MR. LUCIANO: Motion to move Item 4 with
4 Tim abstaining.

5 MR. BAILEY: Second.

6 MR. ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
7 none, all in favor say aye. Opposed nay. The ayes
8 have it.

9 MR. LUCIANO: Motion to accept --

10 MR. ADOMEIT: Sal, we can't hear you.

11 MR. LUCIANO: Motion to approve items 5
12 and 6.

13 MR. BAILEY: Second.

14 MR. ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Any
15 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor say aye.
16 Opposed nay. The ayes have it.

17 MR. LUCIANO: Motion to approve Items 7
18 and 8.

19 MR. BAILEY: Second.

20 MR. ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
21 none, all in favor say aye. Opposed nay. The ayes
22 have it.

23 MR. LUCIANO: Motion to approve Item 9.

24 MR. BAILEY: Second.

25 MR. ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing

1 none, all in favor say aye. Opposed nay. The ayes
2 have it.

3 MR. LUCIANO: Motion to approve Item 10.

4 MR. BAILEY: Second.

5 MR. ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
6 none, all in favor say aye. Opposed nay. The ayes
7 ace have it.

8 MR. LUCIANO: Motion to approve Item 11.

9 MR. BAILEY: Second.

10 MR. ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
11 none, all in favor say aye. Opposed nay. The ayes
12 have it.

13 MR. LUCIANO: Motion to accept Items 12
14 and 13.

15 MR. BAILEY: Second.

16 MR. ADOMEIT: Any discussion?

17 MR. CAREY: Mr. Chairman, I do have a
18 question on Item -- I believe it's No. 12. There was
19 a case that was written up. Last name is Cosme,
20 C-O-S-M-E. This is probably a question for
21 John Herrington. It appears from the writeup that
22 this individual was retired -- received a disability
23 retirement from a municipality -- it was either
24 Windsor or South Windsor -- and is now employed as a
25 police officer at Whiting for DMAS. And there was

1 some question raised by the MEB about whether or not
2 he had been through a pre-employment physical,
3 et cetera. So, I was wondering if the Division had
4 been in touch with DMAS about this particular case.

5 MR. HERRINGTON: I know that Colin Newman
6 has reached out to DMAS. Colin actually has been
7 out for a week and a half; so, I don't know what the
8 actual answer has been from DMAS on that point.

9 MR. CAREY: Thank you very much.

10 MR. ADOMEIT: If the writeups show that he
11 took a job with the Department of Health as a police
12 officer. Okay.

13 MS. CARLSON: Mike, do you want John or
14 Colin to call you directly? I'm not sure that we
15 should answer your question in an email. Colin has
16 a -- his wife is recovering from something, so he's
17 out with her for a couple of weeks. Can it wait?

18 MR. CAREY: Oh, absolutely. I just saw
19 that it and it raised a red flag that he was
20 currently employed. Given the writeup, that just
21 raised a red flag. Thank you. That would be great.

22 MS. CARLSON: Okay.

23 MR. ADOMEIT: All right. Well, thank you.

24 I guess there's no further
25 discussion. Hearing none? What's the motion? I'm

1 sorry.

2 MR. LUCIANO: Motion for approval for
3 Item 14.

4 MR. CAREY: I think it was 11 and 12, Sal.
5 12 and 13?

6 MR. LUCIANO: Motion to accept.

7 MR. BAILEY: Second.

8 MR. ADOMEIT: Any discussion? All in
9 favor say aye. Opposed nay. The ayes have it.

10 MR. LUCIANO: Motion to approve Item 14.

11 MR. BAILEY: Second.

12 MR. ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
13 none, all in favor say aye. Opposed nay. The ayes
14 have it.

15 This ends the public part of our
16 meeting.

17 MR. POULIN: We have Item 15.

18 MR. ADOMEIT: Oh, I'm sorry. You are
19 correct. Sorry, Claude. How could I forget? Go
20 ahead.

21 MR. POULIN: Item 15. I move to accept
22 the Municipal Employee Retirement System GASB 67
23 report.

24 MR. LUCIANO: I would like to make a
25 motion -- no, no, no.

1 Motion to accept Item --

2 MS. BROWN BREWTON: Sal, you're breaking
3 up. Can't hear you.

4 MS. CIESLAK: I think his connection is
5 poor. We're getting it caught up, so just give it a
6 second and he will catch up here.

7 MR. ADOMEIT: Can you hear us, Sal?

8 MR. LUCIANO: Second.

9 MR. ADOMEIT: Can you hear us?

10 MR. LUCIANO: Second.

11 MR. ADOMEIT: Okay.

12 MS. CARLSON: He seconded Claude's motion.

13 MR. LUCIANO: I said second. Can you hear
14 me? I seconded the motion.

15 MR. ADOMEIT: I'm back in the ball game.

16 All right. Any discussion? Hearing
17 none, all in favor say aye. Opposed nay. The ayes
18 have it.

19 MR. POULIN: Item 16. I move to accept
20 the state Employee Retirement System GASB 67 report
21 prepared as of June 30, 2020.

22 MR. LUCIANO: Second.

23 MR. ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
24 none, all in favor say aye. Opposed nay. The ayes
25 have it.

1 MR. POULIN: Item 17. I move to accept
2 the State Employee Retirement System GASB 68 report,
3 prepared as of June 30, 2020.

4 MR. LUCIANO: Second.

5 MR. ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
6 none, all in favor say aye. Opposed nay. The ayes
7 have it.

8 MR. POULIN: Item 18. I move to accept
9 the Judges, Family Support Magistrates and
10 Compensation Commissioners Retirement System GASB 67
11 report, prepared as of June 30, 2020.

12 MR. LUCIANO: Second.

13 MR. ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
14 none, all in favor say aye. Opposed nay. The ayes
15 have it.

16 MR. POULIN: Item 19. I move to accept
17 the Judges, Family Support Magistrates and
18 Compensation Commissioners Retirement System GASB 68
19 report prepared as of June 30, 2020.

20 MR. LUCIANO: Second.

21 MR. ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
22 none, all in favor say aye. Opposed nay. The ayes
23 have it.

24 Okay. This ends the public session
25 and we are about to go into executive session, which

1 means that our guests well not be able to continue
2 watching us.

3 ,So Sal, we need a motion on
4 executive session No. 1.

5 MR. LUCIANO: I would like to go into
6 executive session for purposes of discussing
7 Hartford Housing Authority.

8 MR. BAILEY: Second.

9 MR. ADOMEIT: All in favor say aye.
10 Opposed nay. The ayes have it.

11 MS. CARLSON: Before we begin discussion,
12 I believe we have folks on this call that would not
13 be part of the executive session. We need to figure
14 that out.

15 MR. ADOMEIT: Yes.

16 MS. CIESLAK: I was just going to ask
17 Mr. Luciano and Mr. Bailey if their motion includes
18 invitation to Michael Rose, General Counsel,
19 Cindy Cieslak, General Counsel, Bruce Barth, Tax
20 Counsel, Alisha Sullivan, Tax Counsel and
21 John Herrington, Retirement Services Director, to
22 remain in executive session.

23 MR. LUCIANO: Yes, because of the material
24 discussions at hand.

25 MR. BAILEY: Yes.

1 MR. ADOMEIT: So our guests have to sign
2 off, please.

3 MS. CIESLAK: I'm going to place our
4 guests into the waiting.

5 MR. ADOMEIT: Okay.

6 MS. CIESLAK: To the extent you're still
7 in the waiting room when we come out of executive
8 session discussing Items 1 through 11, then you will
9 be invited back in.

10 MS. CARLSON: Could I just ask a quick
11 question? Are any of our guests relevant to any of
12 the Items in executive session? If so, should we
13 move that item to the top so we can come back into
14 public session if we need to so that they don't have
15 to sit in the waiting room?

16 MR. ADOMEIT: We have a written legal
17 opinion and so we should be able to discuss that
18 written legal opinion in executive session, Marti.

19 MS. CARLSON: I understand that; but, we
20 have 11 items in executive section and we're asking
21 guests to sit in the waiting room. My question is:
22 If whatever one of those items is relevant to those
23 guests, can we move that to the top of executive
24 session so they don't have to sit on Zoom looking at
25 nothing?

1 MR. ADOMEIT: Oh, I see.

2 Cindy, which item is -- there's no
3 item, is there?

4 MS. CIESLAK: There is. So, we do have a
5 motion on the table that should probably be
6 withdrawn if the trustees do wish to proceed this
7 way. The item that our guests are here for I
8 believe is Item 6, Jessica Marquez's appeal.

9 MR. ADOMEIT: At Marti's suggestion, we
10 will move that to the head of the table.

11 MS. CARLSON: After we withdraw Sal's
12 motion first. If you're not in agreement, I'm fine
13 with that.

14 MR. LUCIANO: I withdraw my motion to go
15 in on Hartford Housing and make a motion to go in on
16 the Jessica Marquez appeal.

17 MR. ADOMEIT: All right.

18 MR. BAILEY: Second.

19 Did MR. ROSE: We get a second on that?
20 Was that Bailey?

21 MR. ADOMEIT: Yes. All in favor say aye.
22 Opposed nay. The ayes have it.

23 MS. CIESLAK: For the record, Mr. Luciano,
24 this motion also includes to invite Michael Rose,
25 Cindy Cieslak, Alisha Sullivan, Bruce Barth and

1 John Herrington?

2 MR. LUCIANO: Yes.

3 MR. ADOMEIT: All right. Then those who
4 aren't invited, Cindy, could you put them back into
5 the waiting room, please?

6 (The Commission was in executive session
7 from 9:34 a.m. until 9:48 a.m.)

8 MS. CIESLAK: Just give a moment for our
9 guests to return.

10 I believe our guests are back. The
11 recording is on. We may proceed.

12 MR. ADOMEIT: So, we are back on the
13 recording. The chair recognizes Commissioner
14 Fae Brown Brewton for a motion, please.

15 MS. BROWN BREWTON: I would move to accept
16 the recommendation of the Subcommittee as this is
17 not final agency action, and therefore the matter
18 should proceed to the MEB.

19 MR. BAILEY: Second.

20 MR. ADOMEIT: Okay. Is there any further
21 discussion? Hearing none, all in favor say aye.
22 Opposed nay. The ayes have it.

23 All right. We're going to go back
24 into executive session, then, on the next items.

25 MS. CIESLAK: For the record, I think

1 Ms. Brown Brewton stated, Move to accept the
2 recommendation of the Subcommittee without
3 indicating which matter we were discussing. Can
4 there be clarification that the matter she just
5 moved was regarding Jessica Marquez?

6 MS. BROWN BREWTON: Yes. Accept the
7 clarification.

8 MR. ADOMEIT: All right. That was the
9 understanding of everyone.

10 Okay. So, we completed that matter,
11 correct? So we should go back in executive session
12 on No. 1?

13 MS. CARLSON: Cindy, you expressed before
14 that there was another guest in the waiting room.
15 Have you determined whether --

16 MS. CIESLAK: Yes. Thank you,
17 Ms. Carlson. That guest is no longer in the waiting
18 room.

19 MS. CARLSON: Okay. Thank you.

20 MR. ADOMEIT: All right. So, we're going
21 to go back into executive session now on Item No. 1,
22 correct? So, Cindy, would you put the folks who are
23 observers back into the waiting room, please.

24 MS. CIESLAK: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I am
25 just waiting for the motion.

1 MR. LUCIANO: Moved.

2 MR. BAILEY: Second.

3 MR. ADOMEIT: All right.

4 MS. BROWN BREWTON: On Hartford Housing
5 Authority?

6 MR. ADOMEIT: Yes. All in favor say aye.
7 Opposed nay. The ayes have it. All right.

8 MS. CIESLAK: For the record, Mr. Luciano,
9 Mr. Bailey, your motion includes to invite
10 Michael Rose, Cindy Cieslak, Bruce Barth,
11 Alisha Sullivan and John Herrington?

12 MR. LUCIANO: Yes. And we're still being
13 recorded and we shouldn't be.

14 MS. CIESLAK: I'm going to remove our
15 guests to the waiting room as we're going into
16 executive session.

17 (The Commission was in executive session
18 from 9:51 a.m. until 10:42 a.m.)

19 MR. ADOMEIT: Okay. We need a motion on
20 No. 1, HHA, Hartford Housing Authority, which is
21 what? To accept the recommendation of the
22 Subcommittee that we accept this document or
23 authorize it being signed, I guess.

24 MS. BROWN BREWTON: I move that we proceed
25 with the settlement as proposed and drafted by

1 counsel to resolve the Hartford Housing Authority
2 matter.

3 MR. POULIN: Second.

4 MR. ADOMEIT: All in favor say aye.

5 Opposed nay? The ayes have it.

6 Procedural manual.

7 MR. COFFEY: Mr. Chairman, I move that the
8 Commission approve the draft of the procedural
9 manual and also approve it for publication.

10 MS. BROWN BREWTON: Second.

11 MR. ADOMEIT: Any further discussion?

12 Hearing none, all in favor say aye. Opposed nay.

13 The ayes have it.

14 MR. POULIN: I move to approve the
15 recommendations that we grant Ms. Williams-Knight
16 the reconsideration and schedule a hearing.

17 MR. LUCIANO: Second.

18 MR. ADOMEIT: Any discussion? Hearing
19 none, all in favor say aye. Opposed nay. The ayes
20 have it.

21 We are at the end of the menu today.

22 Yes, Cindy?

23 MS. CIESLAK: Mr. Chairman, I believe we
24 might need a motion on Patricia Shannon.

25 MR. ADOMEIT: Yes, you're right, I'm

1 sorry. Go ahead.

2 MR. COFFEY: On the Shannon matter, I move
3 that the Commission set Ms. Shannon's retirement
4 date effective the first date of the month after age
5 55, consistent with her application.

6 MR. BAILEY: Second.

7 MR. ADOMEIT: Thank you. Thank you.

8 Any further discussion? Hearing
9 none, all in favor say aye. Opposed nay. The ayes
10 have it.

11 I think I've exhausted my notes.
12 Does anyone else have a note that's different from
13 mine?

14 MR. LUCIANO: Motion to adjourn.

15 MR. POULIN: Second.

16 MR. ADOMEIT: All in favor say aye.
17 Opposed nay. The ayes have it.

18 Thank you, all very much.

19 (Concluded at 10:45 a.m.)
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25 My commission expires: 08/31/2024.



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